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PREFACE

Welcome! As you read this (with your eyes) and understand it (with your brain), perhaps turning to the next page (with muscle actions of your fingers, hand, forearm, and arm), you are using the human body to do so. Indeed, some of you may be using your fingers, hand, forearm, and arm to read through the eBook on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Whether you use traditional or new technology, the second edition of Hole's Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology offers an interesting and readable introduction to how the human body accomplishes these tasks. The functioning of the body is not simple, and at times understanding may not seem easy, but learning how the body works is always fascinating and can be both useful and fun!

Many of you are on a path toward a career in healthcare, athletics, science, or education. Be sure to check out the Career Corners in every chapter. They present interesting options for future careers. Try to look at this course not as a hurdle along your way but as a stepping stone. This book has been written to help you succeed in your coursework and to help prepare you to make that journey to a successful and rewarding career.

New Authorship

With this new edition of Hole’s Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology we introduce Charles Welsh as primary author of this revised text. This new edition provides a cohesive narrative with a single voice. With over 30 years of experience in anatomy and physiology classrooms instructing future nurses and other allied health professions, Dr. Welsh brings a fresh perspective to this well-respected text.

To the Teacher

Written for ease of readability and organized for classroom use, the text serves the student as well as the instructor. This edition of Hole’s Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology continues the Learn, Practice, Assess approach that has substantially contributed to instructional efficiency and student success.

Each chapter section opens with Learning Outcomes, contains many opportunities to Practice throughout, and closes with Assessments that are closely tied to the Learning Outcomes. Teachers can assign these, and students can use these features not only to focus their study efforts, but also to take an active role in monitoring their own progress toward mastering the material. In addition, thanks to the expertise of Leslie Day and Julie Pilcher, the digital platforms continue to enhance the printed content and the Learn, Practice, Assess approach. We are proud to have developed and to offer the latest and most efficient technologies to support teaching and learning.

Chuck Welsh
NEW TO THIS EDITION

As we prepared for this new edition, we surveyed anatomy and physiology teachers to help us strengthen an already robust program. We updated and revised the student edition, teacher manual, and digital resources to further aid student learning. Below are the updates for this edition.

- **The Engineer a Healthier World Unit Projects** have been revised to provide additional guidance to students and teachers, as well as help students make connections between advancements in science and the engineering process.
- **A Case Study** has been added to each chapter. This feature ties to the chapter opener vignette and provides students with the opportunity to study a topic covered in the chapter in more depth.
- **Chapter Reviews** have been expanded and include new multiple-choice, short-answer, and critical thinking and clinical application questions. They also include a **Lab Data Analysis**, **Case Study Wrap-up**, and a **Chapter Project**, designed to help students enhance their engagement with, and proficiency in, the science and engineering practices.
- **Features** have been updated to reflect new discoveries and technological advances and include critical thinking questions.

**We now offer a print Teacher Manual** that provides additional activities, pacing, and answers to all student edition questions.

- **Online Focus Activities** provide interactive labeling and vocabulary activities to check student mastery of difficult structures, vocabulary, and concepts.
- **Online Chapter and Unit Projects** that enable students to apply the science and engineering practices they have developed through the course of study.
- **Concept Overview Interactives** are ground-breaking interactive animations, that encourage students to explore key physiological processes and difficult concepts.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL RESOURCES

- **The auto-graded test banks** provide additional chapter review and assessment opportunities.
- **Anatomy & Physiology Revealed® (APR 4.0)** is the interactive cadaver dissection tool used to enhance lectures and labs.
- **Animations** help to explain complex topics and processes.
- **eFlashcards** help to build student vocabulary skills.

- **PowerPoint** slides to help teachers build dynamic presentations.
- **A searchable resources library** that makes it easy to quickly find, display, and assign resources.
- **A powerful gradebook** provides real-time access to the student data teachers need to inform classroom instruction.
Best in Class Digital Resources

*Hole’s Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology* is enriched with multimedia content including videos, animations, and simulations that enhance the teaching and learning experience both inside and outside of the classroom.

Authored by the world’s leading subject matter experts and organized by chapter level, the resources provide students with multiple opportunities to contextualize and apply their understanding. Teachers can save time, customize lessons, monitor student progress, and make data-driven decisions in the classroom with the flexible, easy-to-navigate instructional tools.

**Intuitive Design**

Resources are organized at the chapter level. To enhance the core content, teachers can add assignments, activities, and instructional aides to any lesson. The chapter landing page gives students access to

- assigned activities,
- resources and assessments,
- interactive eBook,
- adaptive *SmartBook®* assignments,
- APR interactive dissection tool.

Chapter landing page links students to resources that support success.

**Mobile Ready**

Access to course content on-the-go is easier and more effective than ever before with the ReadAnywhere mobile app.
Adaptive Study Tools

**SMARTBOOK®** is the assignable, mobile-compatible, adaptive study tool. The interactive features engage students and personalize the learning experience with self-guided tools that

- assess a student’s proficiency and knowledge,
- track which topics have been mastered,
- identify areas that need more study,
- deliver meaningful practice with guidance and instant feedback,
- recharge the learning with access to previously completed assignments and personalized recommendations,
- allow teachers to assign material at the topic level.

Teacher Resources

Teachers have access to the interactive eBook, adaptive **SmartBook®**, plus a wealth of customizable chapter resources and powerful gradebook tools. Resources include

- an online version of the print teacher manual with chapter outlines, teaching suggestions, reading strategies, and pacing guides,
- actionable reporting features track student progress with data-driven insights to guide in-class instruction,
- customizable PowerPoint presentations,
- labeled diagrams, visual aids, animations, and additional ideas for lecture enrichment.

Harness technology, unlock success with the digital resources for Hole’s *Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology*  
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KEY HIGH SCHOOL FEATURES

Hole’s Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology, High School Edition combines the high-quality content that you’ve come to expect with “Hole’s Essentials” with a high-school specific design and additional content to help students succeed. Activities in the high school edition allow students to apply science and engineering practices, work with real data, and provide support for ELL and ELA.

Establishing a Solid Framework

Hole’s Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology is divided into six distinct units, each covering a different systems within the human body. Each of these units introduces the Engineer a Healthier World projects. These projects are designed to help students make connections between advancements in science and the engineering process.

UNIT 2

Support and Movement

Introduction

The previous five chapters have taken you through the organizational levels of atoms, molecules, cells, and tissues. The remaining chapters will focus on organs and organ systems, and how these systems interact to carry out the functions of life. The integumentary, skeletal, and muscular systems are responsible for the support and movement of the body. The next three chapters will introduce you to how skin, bone, and muscle allow the human body to hold together and move through the world.

Key Features

- Unit Project: Engineer a Healthier World
  Clinicians and researchers use several tools to study the complex interactions within our bodies. In Engineer a Healthier World: Engineering in Anatomy and Physiology, you will explore how the principles of engineering intersect with the sciences of anatomy and physiology. Read the feature “Stem Cells to Treat Disease” (p. 197) then go online to access your next unit project, where you will apply the engineering design process to a problem facing healthcare today.

- Spotlight on Career
  Massage Therapist (p. 165)  
  Radiology Technologist (p. 188)  
  Physical Therapy Assistant (p. 240)

The Introduction reveals the common organizational concept connecting each chapter in the unit.

The Engineer a Healthier World projects are based on features within each unit, which prompt students to go online to complete the full project.

Spotlight on Careers indicates which careers are profiled in the unit and connects the unit content to real-world applications.
Each chapter introduces a theme and case study. These elements enhance student understanding of chapter content and develop important investigative skills key to the study of science.

**Integumentary System**

**Theme: Scale, Proportion, and Quantity**

The integumentary system protects the body from bacteria and other external threats, and composes the largest organ system in the body.

**Tattoos**

With their dramatic rise in popularity and being more socially acceptable than ever, you probably know someone with a tattoo. Often referred to as body art, the canvas for these illustrations is your skin.

The outer layer of the skin, the epidermis, is what we usually see. But the ink used for tattooing resides in the deeper layer called the dermis. Initially, the ink is injected into the region between the epidermis and dermis. The damaged epidermis remains in the upper part of the dermis. This becomes the long-term image, or art, that is visible. The fading of a tattoo over time is the result of the pigments migrating to deeper layers of the dermis.

Tools for tattooing recovered from some archeological sites are as old as 12,000 years. This long history of tattoos reveals ancient knowledge of anatomy and the healing arts.

Contemporary tattoos are usually decorative, and most often are a form of self-expression. They exhibit a wide range of images in various categories. Others are known as “functional tattoos.” Alzheimer’s patients often get them to recall important information such as their names and home addresses. Tattoos have also been used to mark criminals and prisoners of war. To minimize potential danger, they recommend employing only certified and licensed tattoo artists.

**Themes**

The themes at the beginning of each chapter align the chapter under one of seven crosscutting concepts. The themes highlight that anatomy and physiology share concepts applicable across all fields of science and engineering. These unifying concepts include patterns, cause and effect, and structure and function.

**Case Study**

The ability to make claims and defend those claims is an essential skill for any anatomy and physiology student. As part of the Case Study, students are asked to make a claim, collect evidence, and explain their reasoning using the CER chart provided online. Throughout the chapter there are several Case Study Connections that provide students with an opportunity to further refine their claim. The Case Study Wrap-Up at the end of the chapter pulls the entire investigation together in a final deliverable.
Engaging Activities, Support for all Learners

The array of skill-building activities throughout the text offer students a variety ways to engage with the content and addresses the needs of students with diverse learning styles.

6.1 Introduction

Study Strategy
Group Study Form a study group consisting of five students. Assign each person a section of the chapter. Each person should read their assigned section, prepare a presentation, and present the information to the group. Members of the group should ask questions about any part that they do not understand.

Learning Outcomes
1. Describe what constitutes an organ, and name the large organ of the integumentary system.

The skin receives a great deal of care and medical attention. This is mostly because it is what the rest of the world sees. That is, it composes a great part of our outward appearance. You only need to look at the amount of time and money we spend caring for skin, hair, and nails to understand this. Dermatology is the medical specialty that investigates and treats issues with the skin. Changes in skin can also indicate problems with other body systems.

Two or more tissue types that are structurally connected and perform shared, specialized functions constitute an organ (see fig. 1.3). Likewise, two or more organs working toward the same goals are considered an organ system. The two main tissues of the skin—epithelial and connective—constitute the largest organ in the body by weight. The skin and its associated accessory structures and organs (hair, nails, muscles, sensory receptors, and glands) make up the integumentary (in-teg-u-men’tar-e) system. The integument forms a barrier between ourselves and the outside world. It is a strong, yet flexible covering for our bodies, with a variety of functions.

Practice
1. What constitutes an organ?

Use the Practices
Using Mathematics The skin is the largest organ in the body by weight, making up approximately 16%. Calculate how much the skin of a 150-pound person contributes to that person’s body weight.

6.2 Layers of the Skin

Learning Outcomes
1. Describe the structure of the layers of the skin.
2. Summarize the factors that determine skin color.

The skin includes two distinct layers (FIG. 6.1). The outer layer, called the epidermis (ep”¬der’mis), is composed of stratified squamous epithelium. The inner layer, or dermis (der’mis), is thicker than the epidermis. It is composed of connective tissue consisting of collagen and elastic fibers, along with smooth muscle tissue, nervous tissue, and blood. A basement membrane anchors the epidermis to the dermis and separates these two skin layers.

Beneath the dermis are masses of areolar tissue and adipose tissue that bind the skin to the underlying organs, forming the subcutaneous (sub’ku-tän’ē-us) layer (hypodermis).
As its name indicates, this layer is beneath the skin and not a true layer of the skin. The collagen and elastic fibers of the subcutaneous layer are continuous with those of the dermis. Most of these fibers run parallel to the surface of the skin, extending in all directions. As a result, no sharp boundary separates the dermis and the subcutaneous layer. The adipose tissue of the subcutaneous layer insulates, helping to conserve body heat. The subcutaneous layer also contains the major blood vessels that supply the skin and underlying adipose tissue (the Diseases, Diagnosis, and Treatment feature on p. 167 discusses the administration of treatments and drugs within the skin and subcutaneous).

**CAREER CORNER**

**Massage Therapist**

The woman feels something give way in her left knee as she lands from a jump in her dance class. She limps away, in great pain. At home, she uses “RICE”—rest, ice, compression, elevation. A physician diagnoses patellar tendinitis, or “jumper’s knee.” Frequent jumping followed by lateral movements caused the injury.

At her weekly appointment with a massage therapist, the woman mentions the injury. Over the next few weeks, the massage therapist applies light pressure to the injured area to stimulate circulation, and applies friction in a transverse pattern to break up scar tissue and relax the muscles. She also massages the muscles to improve flexibility.

A massage therapist manipulates soft tissues to relieve pain and reduce stress. Training includes 300 to 1,000 hours of class time, hands-on practice, and continuing education. Specialties include pediatrics, sports injuries, and even applying massage techniques to racehorses.

**Consider This:** Imagine you are a massage therapist talking with a new client. The client mentions pain and tenderness in his shoulder. What kinds of questions would you ask to assess whether or not massaging the injury is a good idea?
Genetic Engineering

Cancer
Cancer is a group of closely related diseases that can affect many different organs. The lifetime risk of developing cancer is one in two for males and one in three for females. These diseases result from changes in genes (mutations) that alter the cell cycle in somatic cells (cells other than sperm or eggs). Cancers share the following characteristics:

1. **Hyperplasia** is uncontrolled cell division. Normal cells divide a set number of times, signaled by the shortening of chromosome tips. Cancer cells make telomerase, which keeps chromosome tips long and silences signals that would stop division.

2. **Dedifferentiation** is loss of the specialized structures and functions of the normal type of cell from which the cancer cells descended (FIG. 3A).

3. **Invasiveness** is the ability of cancer cells to break through boundaries, called basement membranes, that separate cell layers.

4. **Angiogenesis** is the ability of cancer cells to induce extension of nearby blood vessels. This blood supply nourishes the cells and removes waste, enabling the cancer to grow.

5. **Metastasis** is the spread of cancer cells to other tissues, through the bloodstream or lymphatic system.

Mutations in certain cancer genes cause cancer. Such a mutation may activate a cancer-causing oncogene (which normally controls mitotic rate) or inactivate a protective tumor-suppressor gene. A person may inherit one abnormal cancer-causing gene variant, present in all cells, that imparts susceptibility to developing cancer. The disease begins when a mutation disrupts the second copy of that gene in a cell of the affected organ. This second mutation may be a response to an environmental trigger. Most cancers do not result from such an inherited susceptibility, and instead occur when two mutations occur in both copies of a gene in the same somatic cell.

**Use the Practices**

**Analyzing Data:** A student observes dividing cells under the microscope and notes that 58% are in interphase, 20% in prophase, 4% in metaphase, and 2% in telephase. Based on these data, what can you conclude about the time a cell spends in each phase of the cell cycle?
KEY HIGH SCHOOL FEATURES

Meaningful Review and Assessment

Review and assessment opportunities offer students multiple ways to demonstrate their understanding and mastery of the concepts and content. Students apply their learning through projects, data analysis, writing assignments, and traditional assessment questions.

Chapter Project

Modeling the Integumentary System

The study of anatomy includes the use of many physical models so we can easily visualize all of the working parts of the human body. An excellent way to learn how everything works together is by building a model yourself. By shaping the parts of the human body yourself, instead of being told what each part does in a system, or trying to memorize a diagram, you will gain a better understanding of the human body.

In this chapter, you learned about the different layers of the integumentary system and how the epidermis and dermis work together to form a barrier to protect our insides from the outside world. In this activity, you will show exactly how it does the building a model of the different boundaries and accessory structures of the skin.

You will:
- Use modeling clay to build a cross-sectional model of the integumentary system
- Label the epidermis, dermis, and subcutaneous layer, and at least four accessory structures found within the skin
- Describe the function of each part of your model in a few sentences

The Chapter Project asks students to apply the science and engineering practices they have developed to explore in-depth a topic related to the chapter content. Additional information about the Chapter Project can be found online.

Lab Data Analysis activities allow students to analyze and interpret real data from current research in anatomy and physiology.

Lab Data Analysis: Wound Healing Rates

The integumentary system maintains a barrier between the body and the outside world, which can prevent infection. Wound healing repairs this barrier when it is compromised. Some diseases—such as diabetes—improve proper wound healing, thus increasing the risk of infection.

Data and Observations

The graph to the right displays the rate of wound healing in square centimeters per day (y-axis). Three groups of patients with different Hemoglobin A1c levels (HbA1c) are listed along the x-axis. The higher the A1c level, the more severe a patient’s diabetes.

Think Critically

1. Which HbA1c category of patients has the fastest wound healing? The slowest?
2. What is the function of the arrector pili muscle?
3. Describe the structure of a nail. How does the structure of a nail relate to its function?
4. Which of the following would result in the more rapid absorption of a drug: a subcutaneous injection or an intradermal injection? Why?
5. As a rule, a superficial partial-thickness burn is more painful than one involving deeper tissues. How would you explain this observation?
6. Distinguish between first, second, and third-degree burns.
7. Which HbA1c category likely includes patients with severe diabetes?
8. Which HbA1c category of patients has the fastest wound healing? The slowest?
9. If someone asked you if those with darker skin might have more medical problems associated with lack of calcium, what would be your answer and why?
10. Which group of patients would you most want to counsel on diabetes?
11. Which HbA1c level, 7.0% or 8.0%, does your evidence support your claim? Explain why your evidence supports your claim. If it does not, revise your claim.
12. Which HbA1c level, 7.0% or 8.0%, does your evidence support your claim? Explain why your evidence supports your claim. If it does not, revise your claim.
13. How do sweat glands help regulate body temperature?
14. What is the function of the arrector pili muscle?
15. Describe the structure of a nail. How does the structure of a nail relate to its function?
17. What are the different types of skin cancer? What are their characteristics?
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21. Which group of patients would you most want to counsel on diabetes?
LEARN, PRACTICE, ASSESS

At the Unit and Chapter levels, Hole's Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology features an integrated learning system, **Learn, Practice, Assess.** Each phase of this instructional model within the chapters has features unique to the phase, but common from chapter to chapter—creating a familiar pattern of instruction, application, and mastery throughout.

**An Integrated Learning System**

The **Preview Chapter** highlights learning tools for student success, including an overview of learning styles, a review of scientific literacy, and tips and expectations for how to prepare before, during, and after class.

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**Foundations for Success**

**Theme: Cause and Effect**

A thorough understanding of how to use this textbook will allow you to effectively study for this course.

**How to Learn**

Pay attention. It is a beautiful day. You can’t help but stare wistfully out the window, the scent of spring blooms and sound of birds making it difficult to concentrate on what your teacher is saying. Gradually the lecture fades as you become aware of your own breathing, the beating of your heart, and the sweat that breaks out on your forehead in response to the radiant heat from the glorious day. Suddenly your reverie is cut short—a classmate has dropped a human anatomy and physiology textbook on the floor. You jump. Your heart hammers and a flash of fear grips your chest, but you soon realize what has happened and recover.

The message is clear: pay attention. So you do, tuning out the great outdoors and focusing on the class. In this course, you will learn all about the events that you have just experienced, including your response to the sudden stimulation. This is a good reason to stay focused.

This Preview Chapter will provide you with the foundation to do well in this anatomy and physiology course. In the pages ahead, you can identify your individual learning style, review the importance of scientific literacy, and plan for success. Take time to review these important concepts before diving in to the rest of this text, so that you will be fully prepared to take on all you will learn in this exciting course.

**Learning Outcomes** pinpoint the key takeaways of the section and are closely linked to the Chapter Assessment Critical Thinking and Clinical Application questions.
The chapter openers include several learning aids and provide context for the topic of study addressed in the chapter.

**Integumentary System**

**Theme: Scale, Proportion, and Quantity**

The integumentary system protects the body from bacteria and other external threats, and composes the largest organ system in the body.

**Tattoos**

With their dramatic rise in popularity and being more socially acceptable than ever, you probably know someone with a tattoo. Often referred to as body art, the canvas for these illustrations is your skin.

The outer layer of the skin, the epidermis, is what we usually see. But the ink used for tattooing resides in the deeper layer called the dermis. Initially, the ink is injected into the region between the epidermis and dermis. The damaged epidermis is shed. Trapped by white blood cells as part of an immune response, the pigments remain in the upper part of the dermis. This becomes the long-term image, or art, that is visible. The fading of a tattoo over time is the result of the pigments migrating into deeper layers of the dermis.

Tools for tattooing recovered from some archeological sites are as old as 12,000 years. This long history of tattoos reveals ancient knowledge of anatomy and the healing arts.

Contemporary tattoos are usually decorative, and most often are a form of self-expression. They exhibit a wide range of images in various categories. Others are known as “functional tattoos.” Alzheimer’s patients often get them to recall important information such as their names and home address. Tattoos have also been used to mark criminals and prisoners of war. The most notorious was the tattooing of prisoners in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War.

The American Academy of Dermatology warns against tattoos due to the possibility of infection, scarring, and the desire to have a tattoo removed later in one’s life. To minimize potential danger, they recommend employing only certified and licensed tattoo artists.
1. List the layers of the skin.
2. Name the tissues in the outer and inner layers of the skin.
3. Name the tissues in the subcutaneous layer beneath the skin.
4. What are the functions of the subcutaneous layer?

### Epidermis

The epidermis lacks blood vessels because it is composed entirely of stratified squamous epithelium. However, the deepest layer of epidermal cells, called the *stratum basale* (stra’tum ba’sal), or stratum germinativum, is close to the dermis and is nourished by dermal blood vessels (fig. 6.1a). As the cells (basal cells) of this layer divide and grow, the older epidermal cells (keratinocytes) are pushed away from the dermis toward the skin surface. The farther the cells move away from the dermis toward the skin surface, the poorer their nutrient supply becomes, and in time they die.

The keratinocytes harden in a process called *keratinization* (ker’ah-tin’i-zā’shun). The cytoplasm fills with strands of tough, fibrous, waterproof keratin proteins. As a result, many layers of tough, tightly packed dead cells accumulate in the outermost layer of the epidermis, called the *stratum corneum* (kor’nē-um). These dead cells are eventually shed.

The thickness of the epidermis varies among different body regions. In most areas, only four layers can be distinguished (from deepest layer to superficial layer): the *stratum basale*, *stratum spinosum* (spi-no’sum), *stratum granulosum* (gran’u-lo’sum), and *stratum corneum*. An additional layer, the *stratum lucidum* (loo’sid-um), is in the thickened and hairless (glabrous) skin of the palms and soles (FIG. 6.2).

Healthy skin does not completely wear away, because the production of epidermal cells in the stratum basale closely balances the loss of dead cells from the stratum corneum. However, the rate of cell division increases where the skin is rubbed or pressed regularly. This action causes growth of thickened areas called calluses on the palms and soles, and keratinized conical masses on the toes called corns.

The epidermis has important protective functions. It shields the moist underlying tissues against excess water loss, mechanical injury, and the effects of harmful chemicals. Intact epidermis also keeps out disease-causing microorganisms (pathogens).

**Case Study Connection**

As the tattooist’s needle is inserted, is it likely to cause much bleeding? Why or why not? Will a tattooist require a different length of needle when tattooing the bottom of a customer’s foot than they would require when tattooing the skin of the forearm?
Hair Follicles

Hair is present on all skin surfaces except the palms, soles, lips, nipples, and parts of the external reproductive organs. Each hair develops from a group of stem cells at the base of a tubelike depression called a hair follicle (hār fol’i-kl) (FIG. 6.1 and 6.5). These stem cells originate from a region near the bottom of the hair follicle known as the hair bulge, and migrate downward. The follicle contains the hair root, which can extend from the surface through the dermis into the subcutaneous layer. The deepest portion of the hair root, located at the base of the hair follicle, is the hair bulb. It is composed of epithelial cells that are nourished from dermal blood vessels in a projection of connective tissue (hair papilla). As these epithelial cells divide and...
Chapter 6 Summary and Assessment

Study Strategy
Clariﬁng. Use this summary to set up an outline. Add additional notes during class discussions and while you read.

Summary Outline

6.1 Introduction
1. An organ is formed by two or more tissue types grouped together and performing specialized functions.
2. The skin, the largest organ in the body by weight, is part of the integumentary system.

6.2 Layers of the Skin
1. The epidermis is stratiﬁed squamous epithelium that lacks blood vessels.
   a. The outermost layer, called the stratum corneum, is composed of dead epithelial cells.
   b. The epidermis protects underlying tissues against water loss, mechanical injury, and the effects of harmful chemicals.
   c. Melanin, a pigment that provides skin color, protects underlying cells from the effects of ultraviolet light.
      (1) All people have about the same number of melanocytes.
      (2) Skin color is due largely to the amount of melanin and the distribution and size of pigment granules in the epidermis.
2. The dermis binds the epidermis to underlying tissues.
   a. Dermal blood vessels supply nutrients to all skin cells and help regulate body temperature.
   b. Skin glands produce chemicals that help regulate body temperature.
   c. Nerve cell processes are scattered throughout the dermis.
   d. Hair follicles develop from epidermal cells at the base of a tubelike hair follicle.

2. Hairs develop from epidermal cells at the base of a tubelike hair follicle.
   a. As newly formed cells develop and grow, older cells are pushed toward the surface and undergo keratinization.
   b. Hair color is determined by genes that direct the amount of eumelanin or pheomelanin produced by melanocytes associated with hair follicles.
3. Skin glands
   a. Sebaceous glands are usually associated with hair follicles.
   b. Each sweat gland is a coiled tube.

6.4 Skin Functions
1. The skin is a protective covering, slows water loss, and houses sensory receptors.
2. The skin produces vitamin D precursor.
3. The skin helps regulate body temperature.
   a. When body temperature rises above the normal set point, dermal blood vessels dilate and sweat glands secrete sweat.
   b. When body temperature drops below the normal set point, dermal blood vessels constrict and sweat glands

Chapter Review Questions

Multiple Choice
1. The largest organ in the body by weight is the
   a. liver.
   b. skin.
   c. large intestine.
   d. brain.
2. Which of the following is considered a true layer of skin?
   a. epidermis (outer layer)
   b. dermis (inner layer)
   c. hypodermis (subcutaneous layer)
   d. both a and b
3. Which of the following correctly matches skin tones to its cause?
   a. Blush skin tone can be caused by a liver malfunction.
   b. Orange-yellow skin tone can be caused by a diet high in carrots and sweet potatoes.
   c. Pinkish skin tone can be caused by oxygen-rich jaundice in blood vessels.
   d. Yellowish skin tone can be caused by cyanosis.
4. Which of the following statements is false regarding pigment melanin?
   a. All people have the same number of melanocytes in their skin.
   b. Cytokine secretion transfers melanin granules into cells containing melanocytes.
   c. Skin helps to regulate body temperature.
   d. Skin prevents harmful substances from entering the body.
5. What is the term used for the tissue’s response to stress that includes pain, warmth, redness, and swelling?
   a. healing
   b. inﬂammation
   c. homeostasis
   d. none of these
6. Which of the following most closely lists the steps to healing a skin wound in the correct chronological order?
   a. ﬁbroblasts produce collagen ﬁbers; scar tissue develops; a blood clot forms and protects.
   b. ﬁbroblasts produce collagen ﬁbers; a scab forms and protects; a blood clot forms; scar tissue develops.
   c. a blood clot forms; ﬁbroblasts produce collagen ﬁbers; a scab forms and protects.
   d. a blood clot forms; scar tissue develops; a scab forms and protects; fibroblasts produce collagen ﬁbers.
7. Suturing (stitching) or otherwise closing a large break in the skin speeds the process of
   a. the provision of nutrients and oxygen to the wound.
   b. the extension of blood vessels into the area beneath the scar.
   c. the formation of scar tissue.
   d. collagen ﬁbers binding the edges of the wound.

Short Answer

The Summary Outline reviews the key content in each chapter. An expanded summary is available online.
13. How do sweat glands help regulate body temperature?
14. What is the function of the arrector pili muscle?
15. Describe the structure of a nail. How does the structure of a nail relate to its function?

17. What are the different types of skin cancer? What are their characteristics?

Critical Thinking and Clinical Applications

1. **WRITING Connection** Explain why it is painful to pull a hair out your head, but not when your hair is cut.
2. Acne is caused by a bacterium called *P. acnes*. What are some potential treatment options?
3. If someone asked you if those with darker skin might have more medical problems associated with lack of calcium, what would be your answer and why?

4. **CLINICAL Connection** Which of the following would result in the more rapid absorption of a drug: a subcutaneous injection or an intradermal injection? Why?
5. As a rule, a superficial partial-thickness burn is more painful than one involving deeper tissues. How would you explain this observation?

Lab Data Analysis: Wound Healing Rates

The integumentary system maintains a barrier between the body and the outside world, which can prevent infection. Wound healing repairs this barrier when it is compromised. Some diseases—such as diabetes—impair proper wound healing, thus increasing the risk of infection.

**Data and Observations**

The graph to the right displays the rate of wound healing in square centimeters per day (y-axis). Three groups of patients with different Hemoglobin A1c levels (HbA1c) are listed along the x-axis. The higher the A1c level, the more severe a patient’s diabetes.

**Think Critically**

1. Which HbA1c category of patients has the fastest wound healing? The slowest?
2. Which HbA1c category likely includes patients with severe diabetes?
3. Which group of patients would you most want to counsel on the risks of eventually developing severe diabetes?

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**Mean Change in Wound Area (cm²/day)**

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**Case Study Wrap-up**

Recall the Case Study at the beginning of this chapter (pg. 163). You read about some of the structure and function of the integumentary system. Now it is time to revisit your claim, summarize your evidence and analyze what you have learned.

**Claim Evidence Reasoning**

1. **Review your Claim**: Review your CER chart where you recorded your claim about which part or parts of the skin are involved in the tattooing process.

**Summarize your Evidence**: Summarize the evidence gathered from your investigations and research and finalize your Summary Table.

**Explain your Reasoning**: Does your evidence support your claim? Explain why your evidence supports your claim. If it does not, revise your claim.
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Theme: Structure and Function

The structure of muscles allows them to move body parts.

Too Much Muscle?

Mutations in the genes that control myostatin production can result in individuals with more muscle mass than normal. This occurs in humans as well as other species. Other species with myostatin mutations are well known. Naturally “double-muscled” cattle and sheep are valued for their high weights early in life. Chicken breeders lower myostatin production to yield meatier birds, and “mighty mice” with silenced myostatin genes are used in basic research to study muscle overgrowth. In clinical applications, researchers are investigating ways to block myostatin activity to stimulate muscle growth to reverse muscle-wasting from AIDS, cancer, and muscular dystrophy. Myostatin could also be abused to enhance athletic performance.

Apart from double-muscle mutations, resistance (weight) training can increase the ratio of muscle to fat in our bodies, which offers several benefits. Weight training increases muscle strength and bone density; lowers blood pressure; decreases the risks of developing arthritis, osteoporosis, and diabetes mellitus; and is even associated with improved self-esteem and fewer sick days.

Aids To Understanding Words (Appendix A has a complete list of Aids to Understanding Words.)

- calat-[something inserted] intercalated disc: dense band that connects cardiac muscle cells.
- erg-[work] synergist: muscle that works with an agonist to produce a movement.
- hyper-[over, more] muscular hypertrophy: enlargement of muscle fibers.
- inter-[between] intercalated disc: dense band that connects cardiac muscle cells.
- laten-[hidden] latent period: time between application of a stimulus and the beginning of a muscle contraction.
- myo-[muscle] myofibril: contractile structure within a muscle cell.
- sarco-[flesh] sarcoplasm: material (cytoplasm) within a muscle fiber.
- syn-[together] synergist: muscle that works with an agonist to produce a movement.
- tetan-[stiff] tetanic contraction: sustained muscular contraction.
- troph-[well fed] muscular hypertrophy: enlargement of muscle fibers.
Case Study

You are spending your summer shadowing a pediatrician. Today your first patient is a five-year-old boy. The pediatrician explains the boy's history to you. As a newborn, the child had an astonishing appearance – his prominent arm and thigh muscles looked as if he’d been weightlifting in the womb. Now at five years of age, his muscles were twice normal size, and he could lift weights heavier than many adults. He also had half the normal amount of body fat.

The boy’s muscle cells cannot produce a protein called myostatin, which normally stops stem cells from developing into muscle cells. In this boy, a mutation turned off this genetic brake, and as a result his muscles bulged, their cells both larger and more numerous than those in the muscles of an unaffected child. The boy is healthy so far, but because myostatin is also normally made in cardiac muscle, he may develop heart problems.

Because muscles burn calories at three times the rate of fat cells, changes in the proportion of fat and muscle have significant metabolic impacts. The pediatrician asks you to research myostatin mutations and explain how the child’s muscle anatomy and physiology will differ from his older siblings who do not carry this mutation.

Claim, Evidence, Reasoning

Make Your Claim: Use your CER chart to make a claim about how the child’s muscle anatomy and physiology will differ from his older siblings who do not carry this mutation.

Collect Evidence: Use the information in this chapter to collect evidence to support your claim. Record your evidence as you move through the chapter.

Explain Your Reasoning: You will revisit your claim and explain your reasoning at the end of this chapter.
8.1 Introduction

Study Strategy

**Comprehending Vocabulary** Before you begin reading the chapter, study the Aid to Understanding Words feature at the beginning of the chapter. Knowing the meanings of these prefixes and suffixes will help you understand and remember the meanings of the vocabulary words.

Learning Outcomes

1. List various outcomes of muscle actions.

Muscles are organs composed of specialized cells that generate forces, allowing all types of movement. These actions include walking, speaking, breathing, pumping blood, and moving food through the digestive tract.

Muscle is of three types—skeletal, smooth, and cardiac, as described in section 5.5, Muscle Tissues. This chapter focuses mostly on skeletal muscle, which attaches to bones and is mostly under conscious or voluntary control. It also functions to maintain posture and balance, as well as generate heat through “shivering.” Smooth muscle and cardiac muscle are discussed briefly.

Use the Practices

**Analyzing Data** We often use the 2-D models or tissue specimens to identify structures. Determine what a cross section of a skeletal muscle fiber would look like. Identify three different places where a fiber could be sectioned to reveal different structures.

CAREER CORNER

**Physical Therapy Assistant**

The man has joined a basketball league, and he cannot keep up. He lies on the gym floor, in pain, after an overambitious jump shot. He felt a sudden twinge in his knee, and now the area is red and swelling.

At the nearest hospital, the man receives an MRI scan, which reveals a small tear in the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). The man doesn’t want surgery, so he sees a physical therapist twice a week for a month. A physical therapy assistant works with the man, leading him through a series of exercises that may restore full mobility.

The therapy begins with stepping, squats, and using a single-leg bicycle that isolates and builds up the muscles of the injured limb. Therapy progresses to further build up muscles around the injured joint. The PT assistant gives her patient exercises to do daily at home. The therapy builds the muscles around the knee to compensate for the hurt ACL, restoring full range of motion.

A physical therapy assistant must complete a two-year college program and pass a certification exam. PT assistants work in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, private homes, schools, fitness centers, and workplaces.

Consider This: Of the 3 muscle types, with which type do you think a physical therapy assistant is most concerned?
8.2 Structure of a Skeletal Muscle

Learning Outcomes

1. Identify the structures that make up a skeletal muscle.
2. Identify the major parts of a skeletal muscle fiber, and the function of each.
3. Discuss nervous stimulation of a skeletal muscle.

The human body has more than 600 distinct skeletal muscles. The face alone includes 60 muscles, more than 40 of which are used to frown, and 20 to smile. Thinner than a thread and barely visible, the stapedius in the middle ear is the body’s smallest muscle. In contrast is the gluteus maximus, the largest muscle, located in the buttock. Averaging about 18 inches in length, the sartorius, found in the thigh, is the longest muscle in the body. However, at the microscopic level, all skeletal muscles are built from the same tissues.

Connective Tissue Coverings

Layers of connective tissue enclose and separate all parts of a skeletal muscle. Dense connective tissue called fascia (fash’e-ah) separates an individual skeletal muscle from adjacent muscles and holds it in position (FIG. 8.1). Fascia blends with the epimysium (ep’i-mis’è-um), a layer of connective tissue that closely surrounds each skeletal muscle (fig. 8.1). Other layers of connective tissue, called perimysium (per’i-mis’è-um), extend inward from the epimysium and separate the muscle tissue into small sections called fascicles (fas’i˘-k’lız). Fascicles are bundles of skeletal muscle fibers. Each muscle fiber within a fascicle lies within a layer of connective tissue in the form of a thin covering called endomysium (en”do-mis’è-um). This organization allows the parts to move somewhat independently. Many blood vessels and nerves pass through these layers.

The connective tissue layers may project beyond the muscle’s end to form a cordlike tendon. Fibers in a tendon may intertwine with those in a bone’s periosteum, attaching the muscle to the bone. In other cases, the connective tissue forms broad fibrous sheets called aponeuroses (ap”o-nū-rōsēz), which may attach to bone, skin, or to the connective tissue of adjacent muscles.

In tendinitis, a tendon (the attachment of a muscle to a bone) becomes painfully inflamed and swollen following injury or the repeated stress of athletic activity. If rest, physical therapy, and anti-inflammatory drugs do not alleviate tendinitis, then ultrasound can be applied to break up scar tissue. In tenosynovitis, the connective tissue sheath of the tendon (the tenosynovium) is inflamed. The tendons most commonly affected are those associated with the joint capsules of the shoulder, elbow, and hip, and those that move the hand, thigh, and foot.

Skeletal Muscle Fibers

A skeletal muscle fiber is a single cell that contracts (exerts a pulling force) in response to stimulation and then relaxes when the stimulation ends. Each skeletal muscle fiber is a long, thin, cylinder with rounded ends. It may extend the full length of the muscle. Just beneath its cell membrane (or sarcolemma), the cytoplasm (or sarcoplasm) of the fiber has many small, oval nuclei and mitochondria (fig. 8.1). The sarcoplasm also contains many threadlike myofibrils (mi”o-fı˘brilz) that lie parallel to one another.

Case Study Connection

If these facial muscles were all the same size, which would require more caloric energy, smiling or frowning?
Myofibrils play a fundamental role in muscle contraction. They consist of two kinds of protein filaments (myofilaments)—thick filaments composed of the protein myosin (mī'o-sin) and thin filaments composed mainly of the protein actin (ak'tin) (FIG. 8.2). (Two other thin filament proteins, troponin and tropomyosin, are discussed later in section 8.3, Skeletal Muscle Contraction.) The organization of these filaments produces the characteristic alternating light and dark striations, or bands, of a skeletal muscle fiber.

The striation pattern of skeletal muscle fibers has two main parts. The first, the I bands (the light bands), are composed of thin filaments directly attached to structures called Z lines. The second part of the striation pattern consists of the

**Case Study Connection**

Knowing that his muscles are functioning normally, will the child with a myostatin mutation have the same ratio of myosin to actin as his siblings without the mutation?
A bands (the dark bands), which extend the length of the thick filaments. The A bands have a central region (H zone), consisting only of thick filaments, located between two regions where the thick and thin filaments overlap. A thickening known as the M line is located down the center of the A band (see fig. 8.2). The M line consists of proteins that help hold the thick filaments in place. A sarcomere extends from one Z line to the next (see figs. 8.2 and 8.3).

Within the sarcoplasm of a muscle fiber is a network of membranous channels that surrounds each myofibril and runs parallel to it (FIG. 8.4). These membranes form the sarcoplasmic reticulum, which corresponds to the endoplasmic reticulum of other types of cells. Another set of membranous channels, called transverse tubules (T tubules), extends inward as invaginations from the fiber’s membrane and passes all the way through the fiber. Thus, each transverse tubule opens to the outside of the muscle fiber and contains extracellular fluid. Furthermore, each transverse tubule lies between two enlarged portions of the sarcoplasmic reticulum called cisternae, near the region...
where the thick and thin filaments overlap. The sarcoplasmic reticulum and transverse tubules play important roles in activating the contraction mechanism when the muscle fiber is stimulated.

**Practice**

1. Describe how connective tissue is part of a skeletal muscle.
2. Describe the general structure of a skeletal muscle fiber.
4. Explain the relationship between the sarcoplasmic reticulum and the transverse tubules.

**Neuromuscular Junction**

Recall from section 5.6, Nervous Tissues, that neurons (nerve cells) play a role in communication within the body by conducting electrical impulses. Neurons that control effectors (such as muscles) are called **motor neurons**. Normally, a skeletal muscle fiber contracts only when stimulated by a motor neuron. The opening vignette to chapter 3 describes amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s disease), which impairs the motor neurons that control skeletal muscles.

Each skeletal muscle fiber is functionally (but not physically) connected to the axon of a motor neuron that passes outward from the brain or the spinal cord. This is much like the functional connection whereby you can talk into a cell phone although your mouth is not in direct physical contact with it. The functional connection between a neuron and another cell is called a **synapse** (sin’aps). Neurons communicate with the cells that they control by releasing chemicals, called **neurotransmitters** (nu’ro-transmit-erz), at synapses.
The synapse between a motor neuron and the muscle fiber that it controls is called a neuromuscular junction. Here, the muscle fiber membrane is specialized to form a motor end plate. At the motor end plate, nuclei and mitochondria are abundant. The sarcolemma has indentations and is extensively folded. The end of the motor neuron extends fine projections into the indentations of the muscle fiber membrane (FIG. 8.5).

A small gap called the synaptic cleft separates the membrane of the neuron and the membrane of the muscle fiber. The cytoplasm at the distal ends of these motor neuron axons is rich in mitochondria and contains many tiny vesicles (synaptic vesicles) that store neurotransmitter molecules (fig. 8.5).

Practice
5. Which two structures approach each other at a neuromuscular junction?
6. Describe a motor end plate.
7. What is the function of a neurotransmitter?

Use the Practices
Using Models A skeletal muscle is composed of a variety of tissues that are packaged together to make the organ. The structure of a muscle is similar to an orange. Create a model that demonstrates how an orange depicts the anatomy of a skeletal muscle.

8.3 Skeletal Muscle Contraction

Learning Outcomes
1. Identify the major events of skeletal muscle fiber contraction.
2. List the energy sources for muscle fiber contraction.
3. Describe how oxygen debt develops.
4. Describe how a muscle may become fatigued.
5. Distinguish between muscle fiber types.
6. Describe effects of skeletal muscle use and disuse.
A muscle fiber contraction involves an interaction of organelles and molecules in which myosin binds to actin and exerts a pulling force. The result is a movement within the myofibrils in which the filaments of actin and myosin slide past one another, increasing the area of overlap. This action shortens (contracts) the muscle fiber, which then pulls on the body part that it moves.

**Role of Myosin and Actin**

A myosin molecule is composed of two twisted protein strands with globular parts called heads projecting from one end. Many of these molecules together compose a thick filament. An actin molecule is a globular structure with a binding site to which the myosin heads can attach. Many actin molecules twist into a double strand (helix), forming a thin filament. The proteins *troponin* and *tropomyosin* are also part of the thin filament (FIG. 8.6).

The sarcomere is considered the functional unit of skeletal muscles because the contraction of an entire skeletal muscle can be described in terms of the shortening of the sarcomeres within its muscle fibers. The force that shortens the sarcomeres comes from the myosin heads pulling on the thin filaments. A myosin head can attach to an actin binding site, forming a cross-bridge, and bend slightly, pulling on the actin filament. Then the myosin head can release, straighten, combine with another binding site further down the actin filament, and pull again (FIG. 8.7).

The **sliding filament model** of muscle contraction includes all of these actin-myosin interactions and is named for how the sarcomeres shorten. Thick and thin filaments do not change length. Rather, they slide past one another, with the thin filaments moving toward the center of the sarcomere from both ends (FIG. 8.8).

The myosin heads contain an enzyme, ATPase, which catalyzes the breakdown of ATP to ADP and phosphate (see section 4.4, Energy for Metabolic Reactions). This reaction provides energy that straightens the myosin head into a “cocked” position, much like pulling back on the moving part of a spring-operated toy. The cocked myosin head stays in this position until it binds to actin, forming a cross-bridge.

When this happens, the “spring” is released and the cross-bridge pulls on the thin filament. Another ATP binding to the myosin breaks the cross-bridge, releasing the myosin head from the actin, but not breaking down the ATP. The ATPase then catalyzes the breakdown of ATP to ADP and phosphate, putting the myosin head in a “cocked” position again. This cycle repeats as long as ATP is available as an energy source and as long as the muscle fiber is stimulated to contract.

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**FIGURE 8.6** Thick filaments are composed of the protein myosin, and thin filaments are composed primarily of the protein actin. Myosin molecules have globular heads that extend toward nearby thin filaments.

**FIGURE 8.7** The sliding filament model of muscle contraction includes all of these actin-myosin interactions and is named for how the sarcomeres shorten.

**FIGURE 8.8** The myosin heads contain an enzyme, ATPase, which catalyzes the breakdown of ATP to ADP and phosphate.
Several hours after death, skeletal muscles partially contract and become rigid, fixing the joints in place. This condition, rigor mortis, may continue for 72 hours or more. It results from an increase in membrane permeability to calcium ions, which allows cross-bridges to form, and a decrease in ATP in muscle fibers, which prevents relaxation. The actin and myosin filaments of the muscle fibers remain linked until the proteins begin to decompose.
Stimulus for Contraction

A skeletal muscle fiber normally does not contract until the neurotransmitter acetylcholine (as"ē-tël-kō'lēn) stimulates it. This neurotransmitter is synthesized in the cytoplasm of the motor neuron and stored in vesicles at the distal end of the motor neuron axons. When an impulse (see section 9.5, Charges Inside a Cell, and section 9.6, Impulse Conduction) reaches the end of a motor neuron axon, some of the vesicles release their acetylcholine into the synaptic cleft, the space between the motor neuron axon and the motor end plate (see fig. 8.5).
Acetylcholine diffuses rapidly across the synaptic cleft and binds to specific protein molecules (acetylcholine receptors) in the muscle fiber membrane at the motor end plate, increasing membrane permeability to sodium ions. Entry of these charged particles into the muscle cell stimulates an electrical impulse much like the impulse on the motor neuron. The impulse passes in all directions over the surface of the muscle fiber membrane and travels through the transverse tubules, deep into the fiber, until it reaches the sarcoplasmic reticulum (see fig. 8.4).

The sarcoplasmic reticulum contains a high concentration of calcium ions. In response to a muscle impulse, the membranes of the sarcoplasmic reticulum become more permeable to these ions, and the calcium ions diffuse into the cytosol of the muscle fiber.

When a high concentration of calcium ions is in the cytosol, troponin and tropomyosin interact in a way that exposes binding sites on actin where myosin heads can attach. As a result, cross-bridge linkages form between the thick and thin filaments, and the muscle fiber contracts (see figs. 8.7 and 8.8). The contraction, which requires ATP, continues as long as the motor neuron releases acetylcholine.

When nervous stimulation ceases, three events lead to muscle relaxation. First, the acetylcholine that stimulated the muscle fiber is rapidly decomposed by the enzyme acetylcholinesterase (asʻee-til-kōʻlin-esʻter-ås). This enzyme is present at the neuromuscular junction on the membrane of the motor end plate. Without acetylcholine binding to its receptors, the impulse on the muscle fiber ceases.

The second event in muscle relaxation takes place once acetylcholine is broken down and the stimulus to the muscle fiber ceases. Using ATP as an energy source, calcium ions are actively transported back into the sarcoplasmic reticulum, which decreases the calcium ion concentration of the cytosol. The third event involves ATP binding to myosin, breaking the cross-bridge linkages between thin and thick filaments, and consequently relaxing the muscle fiber. TABLE 8.1 summarizes the major events leading to muscle contraction and relaxation.

Practice
1. Explain how an impulse on a motor neuron can trigger a muscle contraction.
2. Explain how the filaments of a myofibril interact during muscle contraction.

Energy Sources for Contraction
ATP molecules supply the energy for muscle fiber contraction. However, when a contraction starts, a muscle fiber has only enough ATP to enable it to contract for a very short time. Therefore, when a fiber is active, ATP must be regenerated from ADP and phosphate. The molecule that initially makes this possible is creatine phosphate (krēʻah-tin fosʻfāt).

Like ATP, creatine phosphate contains high-energy phosphate bonds. When ATP supply is sufficient, an enzyme in the mitochondria (creatine phosphokinase) catalyzes the synthesis of creatine phosphate, which stores excess energy in its phosphate bonds (FIG. 8.9).

Creatine phosphate is four to six times more abundant in muscle fibers than ATP, but it cannot directly supply energy to a cell’s energy-utilizing reactions. Instead, as ATP decomposes, the phosphate from creatine phosphate can be transferred to ADP molecules, converting them back into ATP. Active muscle fibers, however,
rapidly exhaust the supply of creatine phosphate. When this happens, the muscle fibers use cellular respiration of glucose as an energy source for synthesizing ATP.

**Oxygen Supply and Cellular Respiration**

Glycolysis can take place in the cytosol in the absence of oxygen (anaerobic), as discussed in section 4.4, Energy for Metabolic Reactions. The more complete breakdown of glucose occurs in the mitochondria and requires oxygen. The blood carries the oxygen from the lungs to body cells to support this aerobic respiration. Red blood cells carry the oxygen, loosely bound to molecules of hemoglobin, the protein responsible for the red color of blood.

Another protein, myoglobin, is synthesized in muscle cells and imparts the reddish-brown color of skeletal muscle tissue. Like hemoglobin, myoglobin can combine loosely with oxygen. Myoglobin’s ability to temporarily store oxygen increases the amount of oxygen available in the muscle cells to support aerobic respiration (FIG. 8.10).

**Oxygen Debt**

When a person is resting or is moderately active, the respiratory and cardiovascular systems can usually supply sufficient oxygen to skeletal muscles to support aerobic respiration. This may not be the case when skeletal muscles are used strenuously for even a minute or two. In this situation, muscle fibers increasingly rely on anaerobic respiration to obtain energy.

**TABLE 8.1 Major Events of Muscle Contraction and Relaxation**

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<th>Muscle Fiber Contraction</th>
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<td>1. An impulse travels down a motor neuron axon.</td>
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<td>2. The motor neuron releases the neurotransmitter acetylcholine (ACh).</td>
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<td>3. ACh binds to ACh receptors in the muscle fiber membrane.</td>
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<td>4. The sarcolemma is stimulated. An impulse travels over the surface of the muscle fiber and deep into the fiber through the transverse tubules.</td>
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<td>5. The impulse reaches the sarcoplasmic reticulum, and calcium channels open.</td>
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<td>6. Calcium ions diffuse from the sarcoplasmic reticulum into the cytosol and bind to troponin molecules.</td>
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<td>7. Troponin molecules move and expose specific sites on actin where myosin heads can bind.</td>
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<td>9. Thin filaments are pulled toward the center of the sarcomere by pulling of the cross-bridges.</td>
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<td>10. The muscle fiber exerts a pulling force on its attachments as a contraction occurs.</td>
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<th>Muscle Fiber Relaxation</th>
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<td>1. Acetylcholinesterase decomposes acetylcholine, and the muscle fiber membrane is no longer stimulated.</td>
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<td>2. Calcium ions are actively transported into the sarcoplasmic reticulum.</td>
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<td>3. ATP breaks cross-bridge linkages between actin and myosin filaments without breakdown of the ATP itself.</td>
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<td>4. Breakdown of ATP “cocks” the myosin heads.</td>
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<td>5. Troponin and tropomyosin molecules block the interaction between myosin and actin filaments.</td>
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<td>6. The muscle fiber remains relaxed, yet ready, until stimulated again.</td>
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In anaerobic respiration, glucose molecules are broken down by glycolysis, yielding pyruvic acid, which would enter the citric acid cycle under aerobic conditions (see section 4.4, Energy for Metabolic Reactions). Because the oxygen supply is low, however, the pyruvic acid reacts to produce lactic acid (fig. 8.10). Lactic acid dissociates rapidly to form lactate ion (lactate) and hydrogen ion. Lactate leaves muscle cells by facilitated diffusion, enters the bloodstream, and eventually reaches the liver. In liver cells, reactions requiring ATP synthesize glucose from lactate.

During strenuous exercise, available oxygen is used primarily to synthesize the ATP the muscle fiber requires to contract, rather than to make ATP for synthesizing glucose from lactate. Consequently, as lactate accumulates, a person develops an oxygen debt that must be repaid. Oxygen debt (also called excess post-exercise oxygen consumption, or EPOC) equals the amount of oxygen that liver cells require to convert the accumulated lactate into glucose, plus the amount muscle cells require to restore ATP and creatine phosphate to their original concentrations and to return blood and tissue oxygen levels to normal. The conversion of lactate back into glucose is slow. Repaying an oxygen debt following vigorous exercise may take several hours.

FIGURE 8.9 Creatine phosphate is synthesized when ATP levels in a muscle cell are high. Creatine phosphate may be used to replenish ATP when ATP levels in a muscle cell are low.

FIGURE 8.10 The oxygen required to support the aerobic reactions of cellular respiration is carried in the blood and stored on myoglobin in skeletal muscle cells. The maximum theoretical number of ATPs generated per glucose molecule varies with cell type; in skeletal muscle, the theoretical maximum is 30: 2 from glycolysis and 28 (2+26) from the aerobic reactions. In the absence of sufficient oxygen, anaerobic reactions generate only 2 ATP per glucose molecule and produce lactic acid.
The metabolic capacity of a muscle may change with physical training. With high-intensity exercise, which depends more on glycolysis for ATP, a muscle synthesizes more glycolytic enzymes, and its capacity for glycolysis increases. With aerobic exercise, more capillaries and mitochondria form, and the muscle’s capacity for aerobic respiration increases. **TABLE 8.2** summarizes muscle metabolism, and The Healthy Lifestyle Choices feature on the next page discusses abuse of steroid drugs to enhance muscle performance.

### Heat Production

Less than half of the energy released in cellular respiration is transferred to ATP, and the rest becomes heat. Although all active cells generate heat, muscle tissue is a major heat source because muscle is such a large proportion of the total body mass. Blood transports heat generated in muscle to other tissues, which helps maintain body temperature. In cold temperatures, skeletal muscles can also generate body heat through involuntary contractions commonly called shivering.

### Muscle Fatigue

A muscle exercised strenuously for a prolonged period may have a decreased ability to contract, a condition called *fatigue*. The obvious cause of muscle fatigue is the depletion of the energy source, ATP. Although not completely understood, fatigue more than likely involves a complex combination of other factors, including a drop in pH due to a buildup of lactic acid. Fluctuations in pH can have adverse effects on the physiology of a muscle fiber. Electrolyte imbalance and central nervous system exhaustion have also been proposed as potential factors.

Occasionally, a muscle becomes fatigued and cramps at the same time. A cramp is a painful condition in which a muscle undergoes a sustained involuntary contraction. Cramps are thought to occur when changes in the extracellular fluid surrounding the muscle fibers and their motor neurons somehow trigger uncontrolled stimulation of the muscle.

### Types of Muscle Fibers and Muscle Use

Not all muscle fibers are the same. *Fast fibers* are built for rapid movements, whereas *slow fibers* allow for endurance activities. All whole muscles are comprised of a unique combination of these two fiber types.

**Fast Fibers** Fast fibers make up the majority of muscle fibers in the body. They are called fast fibers because they are able to generate their maximum force rapidly. Large in diameter, they also provide fairly powerful contractions. They contain a

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**Case Study Connection**

Because he has more muscle mass, will the child with the myostatin mutation need more blood volume and more blood vessels?

**Case Study Connection**

This child has significantly more muscle mass than his peers. Last week in his Kindergarten class, the school’s heat system broke and the classroom was cold. How do you think this child felt in the cold room compared to his classmates?

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**Table 8.2 Muscle Metabolism**

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<th>Type of Exercise</th>
<th>Pathway Used</th>
<th>ATP Production</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low to moderate intensity</td>
<td>Glycolysis, leading to pyruvic acid formation and aerobic respiration</td>
<td>30 ATP per glucose for skeletal muscle</td>
<td>Carbon dioxide is exhaled</td>
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<tr>
<td>High intensity</td>
<td>Glycolysis, leading to lactic acid formation</td>
<td>2 ATP per glucose</td>
<td>Lactic acid accumulates</td>
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Healthy Lifestyle Choices

Steroids and Athletes—An Unhealthy Combination

It seems that not a year goes by without a few famous athletes confessing to, or being caught using, steroid hormones to bulk up their muscles to improve performance. High school and college athletes have abused steroids too. Athletes who abuse steroids seek the hormone’s ability to increase muscular strength. They are caught when the steroids or their breakdown products are detected in urine or when natural testosterone levels plummet in a negative feedback response to the outside hormone supply (FIG. 8A).

Improved performance today due to steroid use may have consequences tomorrow. Steroids hasten adulthood, stunting height and causing early hair loss. In males, excess steroid hormones lead to breast development, and in females to a deepened voice, hairiness, and a male physique. The drugs may damage the kidneys, liver, and heart. Atherosclerosis may develop because steroids raise LDL cholesterol. In males, the body mistakes the synthetic steroids for the natural hormone and lowers its own production of testosterone. Infertility may result. Steroids can also cause psychiatric symptoms, including delusions, depression, and violence.

Anabolic steroids have been used for medical purposes since the 1930s, to treat underdevelopment of the testes and the resulting testosterone deficiency, anemia, and muscle-wasting disorders. Today, they are used to treat wasting associated with AIDS.

Concept Connection

1. Explain what happens to the levels of testosterone in a male athlete who abuses steroids and how this explains the signs and symptoms of steroid abuse (hint: think about negative feedback loops).

2. Describe how the metabolic capacity of a muscle changes with physical exercise.

large amount of glycogen and relatively few mitochondria, making them mostly dependent on anaerobic energy production (glycolysis). Therefore, they are not ideal for prolonged activities. Whole skeletal muscles constructed primarily from fast fibers are known as white muscles. Examples include most of the muscles in the hand, the biceps brachii in the arm, and those that move the eyeball. Chicken breast is called “white meat” because it is mostly made of fast fibers for quick, short bursts of flight.

Slow Fibers Slow fibers are small in diameter. Taking longer to reach peak tension, slow fibers have the ability to provide contraction for prolonged periods. Densely packed with mitochondria, capillaries, and myosin, they are custom built for aerobic energy production. Therefore, they are much more resistant to fatigue than fast fibers. Skeletal muscles with a high percentage of slow fibers are often called red muscles because of the high concentration of myoglobin. Examples include the muscles of the back and vertebral column that maintain posture and many of the muscles in the legs for standing and walking. “Dark meat” in chicken is found in the legs and thighs where the muscles contain mostly slow, red fibers.
**Exercise and Muscle Use**  Skeletal muscles are very responsive to an increase or decrease in activity. Forcefully exercised muscles enlarge, which is called *muscular hypertrophy*. Conversely, an unused muscle undergoes *atrophy*, decreasing in size and strength.

The way a muscle responds to use also depends on the type of exercise. A muscle contracting with lower intensity, during swimming or running, activates slow fibers. With use, these specialized muscle fibers develop more mitochondria, and more extensive capillary networks envelop them. Such changes increase the slow fibers’ ability to resist fatigue during prolonged exercise, although their sizes and strengths may remain unchanged.

Forceful exercise, such as weightlifting, in which a muscle exerts more than 75% of its maximum tension, utilizes fast fibers. In response to strenuous exercise, these fibers produce new filaments of actin and myosin, the diameters of the muscle fibers increase, and the entire muscle enlarges. That is, there is no increase in the number of muscle fibers; the existing fibers become larger.

The strength of a muscular contraction is directly proportional to the diameter of the activated muscle fibers. Consequently, an enlarged muscle can produce stronger contractions than before. Such a change, however, does not increase the muscle’s ability to resist fatigue during activities like swimming or running.

If regular exercise stops, the capillary networks shrink, and the number of mitochondria within the muscle fibers drops. The number of actin and myosin filaments decreases, and the entire muscle atrophies. Such atrophy commonly occurs when accidents or diseases block motor impulses from reaching muscle fibers. An unused muscle may shrink to less than half its usual size within a few weeks.

The fibers of muscles whose motor neurons are severed not only shrink, but also may fragment and, in time, be replaced by fat or fibrous connective tissue. However, reinnervation within the first few months following an injury may restore muscle function.

Astronauts experience muscle atrophy and impaired performance with long-term exposure to the microgravity environment of space. Customized workouts using special resistance equipment can minimize the changes in muscle structure and function.

### Practice

3. Which chemicals provide the energy to regenerate ATP?
4. What are the sources of oxygen for aerobic respiration?
5. How are lactic acid and oxygen debt related?
6. What is the relationship between cellular respiration and heat production?
7. What are the causes of skeletal muscle fatigue?
8. How do fast fibers and slow fibers differ?
9. How does skeletal muscle respond to different types of exercise and to no exercise?

### Use the Practices

**Arguing from Evidence**  In idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy (a genetic disorder), actin is unable to anchor to the Z lines in cardiac muscle cells. Provide reasoning based on the mechanism of muscle contraction why this results in heart failure.
8.4 Muscular Responses

Learning Outcomes
1. Distinguish among a twitch, recruitment, and a sustained contraction.
2. Explain how muscular contractions move body parts and help maintain posture.
3. Distinguish between the types of contractions.

One way to observe muscle contraction is to remove a single muscle fiber from a skeletal muscle and connect it to a device that records changes in the fiber’s length. Such experiments usually require an electrical device that can produce stimuli of varying strengths and frequencies.

Threshold Stimulus
When an isolated muscle fiber in the laboratory is exposed to a series of stimuli of increasing strength, the fiber remains unresponsive until a certain strength of stimulation called the threshold stimulus is applied. Once threshold is reached, an electrical impulse is generated that spreads throughout the muscle fiber, releasing enough calcium ions from the sarcoplasmic reticulum to activate cross-bridge binding and contract that fiber. In the body, a single impulse in a motor neuron normally releases enough ACh at the neuromuscular junction to bring a muscle fiber to threshold.

Recording of a Muscle Contraction
The contractile response of a single muscle fiber to a single impulse is called a twitch. A twitch consists of a period of contraction, during which pulling force increases, followed by a period of relaxation, during which the pulling force declines. These events can be recorded in a pattern called a myogram (FIG. 8.11). Note that a twitch has a brief delay between the time of stimulation and the beginning of contraction. This is the latent period, which in human muscle is approximately 2 milliseconds. During this time, calcium ions, actin, and myosin are preparing to interact as described in section 8.3.

A muscle fiber brought to threshold under a given set of conditions tends to contract completely, such that each twitch generates the maximum force of a single muscle fiber. This phenomenon has been termed an all-or-none response: either the muscle fiber contracts or it does not. There is no partial contraction of a single muscle fiber. The myogram of twitch contractions allows us to understand and visualize the various phases of muscle contraction. However, a twitch contraction of a single fiber is of no use in the overall action of a whole muscle.

Contraction of whole muscles enable us to perform everyday activities, but the force generated by those contractions must be controlled. For example, holding a paper coffee cup...
firmly enough that it does not slip through our fingers, but not so forcefully as to crush it, requires precise control of contractile force. In the whole muscle, the degree of tension developed reflects (1) the frequency at which individual muscle fibers are stimulated and (2) how many fibers take part in the overall contraction of the muscle.

**Summation**

A muscle fiber exposed to a series of stimuli of increasing frequency reaches a point when it is unable to completely relax before the next stimulus in the series arrives. When this happens, the force of individual twitches combines through the process of summation.

At higher frequencies of stimulation, the time spent in relaxation becomes very brief. A condition called partial tetany results. If the frequency of contraction is so rapid that the fiber doesn’t relax at all, it is called a complete tetanic (tē-tan’ık) contraction, or tetanus (FIG. 8.12). Partial tetanic contractions occur frequently in skeletal muscles during everyday activities. Complete tetany does not occur in the body, but can be demonstrated in the laboratory.

**Recruitment of Motor Units**

Summation increases the force of contraction of a single muscle fiber, but a whole muscle can generate more force if more muscle fibers participate in the contraction. A muscle fiber typically has a single motor end plate. The axons of motor neurons, however, are densely branched, which enables one such axon to control many muscle fibers. A motor neuron and the muscle fibers that it controls constitute a motor unit (mō’tor ü’nit) (FIG. 8.13). Each motor unit is a functional unit because an impulse in its motor neuron will cause all of the muscle fibers in that motor unit to contract at the same time.

**FIGURE 8.12** Myograms of (a) a series of twitches, (b) summation, and (c) a tetanic contraction. Note that stimulation frequency increases from one myogram to the next.
A whole muscle is composed of many motor units controlled by different motor neurons. Like muscle fibers, motor neurons must be brought to threshold before an impulse is generated. It turns out that some motor neurons are more easily brought to threshold than others. If only the more sensitive motor neurons reach threshold, few motor units contract. At higher intensities of stimulation, other motor neurons are brought to threshold, and more motor units are activated. An increase in the number of motor units activated during a contraction is called recruitment. As the intensity of stimulation increases, recruitment of motor units continues until, finally, all motor units in that muscle are activated and the muscle contracts with maximal tension.

Sustained Contractions and Muscle Tone

Summation and recruitment together can produce a sustained contraction of increasing strength. Sustained contractions of whole muscles enable us to perform everyday activities. Such contractions are responses to a rapid series of impulses transmitted from the brain and spinal cord on motor neuron axons.

Even when a muscle appears to be at rest, its fibers undergo some sustained contraction. This is called muscle tone. Muscle tone is a response to nervous stimulation that originates repeatedly from the spinal cord and stimulates only a few muscle fibers at a time. Muscle tone is particularly important in maintaining posture. If muscle tone is suddenly lost, as happens when a person loses consciousness, the body collapses.

Types of Contractions

The term “contraction” can be misleading. Muscles do not have to “shorten” to generate a force. The type of contraction associated with movement that actually involves the shortening of the muscle is called an isotonic contraction. As the muscle shortens and generates a force, the tension throughout the movement remains the same. An example would be going to the gym and using a ten-pound weight for the “bicep curl.” You start with the weight at your side and then lift it up to your shoulder. You can see and feel your bicep become short and squat. In an isometric contraction, the muscle generates a force without shortening. This occurs when holding a weight at your side. The muscles have to generate enough force to resist overstretching and oppose the gravitational pull of the weight. Although the muscle does not shorten, the tension increases as time passes and the weight appears to get heavier. Most movements employ various combinations of isotonic and isometric contractions.

Practice

1. Define threshold stimulus.
2. Distinguish between a twitch and a sustained contraction.
3. How is muscle tone maintained?
4. How do isotonic and isometric contractions differ?
Use the Practices

Conducting Investigations  Allison hypothesizes that the force generated by a muscle is directly related to the number of muscle fibers contracting within the muscle. Research whether or not there is evidence to support Allison’s hypothesis.

8.5 Smooth Muscle

Learning Outcomes
1. Distinguish between the structures and functions of multiunit smooth muscle and visceral smooth muscle.
2. Compare the contraction mechanisms of skeletal and smooth muscle.

The contractile mechanism of smooth muscle is essentially the same as for skeletal muscle. The cells of smooth muscle, however, have some important structural and functional differences from the other types of muscle.

Smooth Muscle Cells

Recall from section 5.5, Muscle Tissues, that smooth muscle cells are elongated, with tapering ends. Smooth muscle cells contain thick and thin filaments, but these filaments are organized differently and more randomly than those in skeletal muscle. Therefore, smooth muscle cells lack striations (and appear “smooth” under the microscope). The sarcoplasmic reticulum in these cells is not well developed.

The two major types of smooth muscle are multiunit and visceral. In multiunit smooth muscle, the muscle cells are separate rather than organized into sheets. Smooth muscle of this type is found in the irises of the eyes and in the walls of blood vessels. Typically, multiunit smooth muscle tissue contracts only in response to stimulation by neurons or certain hormones.

Visceral smooth muscle is composed of sheets of spindle-shaped cells in close contact with one another (see fig. 5.23). This more common type of smooth muscle is found in the walls of hollow organs, such as the stomach, intestines, urinary bladder, and uterus.

Visceral smooth muscle displays rhythmicity, a pattern of repeated contractions. Rhythmicity is due to self-exciting cells that deliver spontaneous impulses periodically into surrounding muscle tissue. When one cell is stimulated, the impulse may excite adjacent cells, which in turn stimulate still others. These two features—rhythmicity and transmission of impulses from cell to cell—are largely responsible for the wavelike motion, called peristalsis (per’ı-stal’sis), that helps force the contents of certain tubular organs along their lengths. Peristalsis occurs, for example, in the intestines.

Smooth Muscle Contraction

Smooth muscle contraction resembles skeletal muscle contraction in a number of ways. Both mechanisms include reactions of actin and myosin, both are triggered by membrane impulses and an increase in intracellular calcium ions, and both use energy from ATP. However, these two types of muscle tissue also have significant differences.

Recall that acetylcholine is the neurotransmitter in skeletal muscle. Two neurotransmitters commonly affect smooth muscle—acetylcholine and norepinephrine. Each of
These neurotransmitters stimulates contractions in some smooth muscle and inhibits contractions in other smooth muscle (see section 9.16, Autonomic Nervous System). Also, a number of hormones affect smooth muscle, stimulating contractions in some cases and altering the degree of response to neurotransmitters in others.

Smooth muscle is slower to contract and to relax than skeletal muscle. On the other hand, smooth muscle can maintain a forceful contraction longer with a given amount of ATP. Also, unlike skeletal muscle, smooth muscle cells can change length without changing tautness. As a result, smooth muscle in the stomach and intestinal walls can stretch as these organs fill, yet maintain a constant pressure inside these organs.

**Practice**
1. Describe two major types of smooth muscle.
2. What special characteristics of visceral smooth muscle make peristalsis possible?
3. How does smooth muscle contraction differ from skeletal muscle contraction?

**Learning Outcomes**
1. Compare the contraction mechanisms of cardiac and skeletal muscle.

Cardiac muscle is found only in the heart. Its mechanism of contraction is essentially the same as that of skeletal and smooth muscle, but with some important differences.

**Cardiac Muscle Cells and Contraction**
Cardiac muscle is composed of branching, striated cells interconnected in three-dimensional networks (see fig. 5.24). Each cell has many filaments of actin and myosin, organized similarly to those in skeletal muscle. A cardiac muscle cell also has a sarcoplasmic reticulum, many mitochondria, and a system of transverse tubules. However, the sarcoplasmic reticulum of cardiac muscle cells is less well developed and stores less calcium than that of skeletal muscle, and the transverse tubules of cardiac muscle are larger. Many calcium ions released into the cytosol in response to muscle impulses come from the extracellular fluid through these large transverse tubules. This mechanism causes cardiac muscle twitches to last longer than skeletal muscle twitches.

The opposing ends of cardiac muscle cells are connected by structures called **intercalated discs**. These are elaborate junctions between cardiac muscle cell membranes. Intercalated discs allow impulses to pass freely so that they travel rapidly from cell to cell, triggering contraction. The discs help to join cells and to transmit the force of contraction from cell to cell. Thus, when one portion of the cardiac muscle network is stimulated, the resulting impulse passes to the other parts of the network, and the whole structure contracts as a functional unit.

Cardiac muscle is also self-exciting and rhythmic. Consequently, a pattern of contraction and relaxation repeats, causing the rhythmic contractions of the heart.
TABLE 8.3 summarizes the characteristics of the three types of muscle tissue. The Genetic Engineering feature on p. 263 considers several inherited diseases that affect the muscular system.

### Practice

1. How is cardiac muscle similar to smooth muscle?
2. How is cardiac muscle similar to skeletal muscle?
3. What is the function of intercalated discs?
4. What characteristic of cardiac muscle contracts the heart as a unit?

#### Use the Practices

**Constructing Explanations**

Using what you have learned about muscle contraction, describe how the structure of cardiac muscle allows it to produce rhythmic, synchronized contractions.

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**8.7 Skeletal Muscle Actions**

#### Learning Outcomes

1. Explain how the attachments, locations, and interactions of skeletal muscles make different movements possible.

Skeletal muscles provide a variety of body movements, as described in section 7.13, Joints. Each muscle’s movement depends largely on the kind of joint it is associated with and the way the muscle attaches on either side of that joint.

#### Origin and Insertion

One end of a skeletal muscle usually attaches to a relatively immovable or fixed part on one side of a movable joint, and the other end attaches to a movable part.
on the other side of that joint, such that the muscle crosses the joint. The less movable end of the muscle is called its origin (or’i-jin), and the more movable end is its insertion (in-ser’shun). When a muscle contracts, its insertion is pulled toward its origin.

Some muscles have more than one origin or insertion. Biceps brachii in the arm, for example, has two origins. This is reflected in the name biceps, which means “two heads.” (Note: The head of a muscle is the part nearest its origin.) One head of biceps brachii attaches to the coracoid process of the scapula, and the other head arises from a tubercle above the glenoid cavity of the scapula. The muscle runs along the anterior surface of the humerus and is inserted by means of a tendon on the radial tuberosity of the radius. When biceps brachii contracts, its insertion is pulled toward its origin, and the forearm flexes at the elbow (FIG. 8.14).

**Muscle Movements**

Whenever limbs or other body parts move, bones and muscles interact as simple mechanical devices called levers (lev’erz). A lever has four basic components: (1) a rigid bar or rod, (2) a fulcrum or pivot on which the bar turns, (3) an object moved against resistance, and (4) a force that supplies energy for the movement of the bar. The actions of bending and straightening the upper limb at the elbow illustrate bones and muscles functioning as levers.

When the upper limb bends, the forearm bones represent the rigid bar, the elbow joint is the fulcrum, the hand is moved against the resistance provided by the weight, and the force is supplied by muscles on the anterior side of the arm (FIG. 8.15a). One of these muscles, the biceps brachii, is attached by a tendon to a projection on a bone (radius) in the forearm, a short distance distal to the elbow.

When the upper limb straightens at the elbow, the forearm bones again serve as the rigid bar, the elbow joint serves as the fulcrum, and the hand moves against the resistance by pulling on the rope to raise the weight (FIG. 8.15b). However, in this case the triceps brachii, a muscle located on the posterior side of the arm, supplies the force. A tendon of this muscle attaches to a projection on a forearm bone (ulna) at the point of the elbow.

**FIGURE 8.14** The biceps brachii has two heads that originate on the scapula. A tendon inserts this muscle on the radius.

Go online to check your understanding of the structures involved in biceps contraction by completing the Focus Activity.
Sometimes the less movable and more movable bones are reversed based upon the action of the muscle in question. Therefore, an alternate way to describe muscle attachments is to use the directional terms proximal and distal for the attachments of appendicular muscles and the terms superior and inferior for axial muscles. Thus, the proximal attachments of biceps brachii are on the coracoid process and the tubercle above the glenoid cavity of the scapula. The distal attachment is on the radial tuberosity (see table 8.9). Similarly, the superior attachment of rectus abdominis is on the costal cartilage and xiphoid process of the sternum, and the inferior attachment is on the pubic crest and pubic symphysis (see table 8.11). The tables throughout this chapter that describe muscle actions identify the traditional origin and insertions, but the alternative terms described here can be easily determined from that information.

**Muscle Relationships**

The terms flexion and extension describe opposing movements and changes in the angle between bones that meet at a joint. For example, flexion of the elbow refers to a movement of the forearm that bends the elbow, or decreases the angle. In general, flexion refers to bringing the bones closer together (fig 8.15a). Extension of the elbow widens the angle, increasing the distance between the bones (fig. 8.15b).

Skeletal muscles almost always function in groups. A number of terms describe the roles of muscles in performing particular actions. The prime mover, or agonist, generates the majority of the force during a desired action (fig. 8.14). A synergist aids the prime mover in the desired action or by inhibiting the opposing action. In the example of elbow flexion, the biceps brachii is the prime mover for flexion, and the synergist is the brachialis. The triceps brachii is the antagonist to the biceps brachii and brachialis because it brings about the opposite action, extension. Note that the role of a muscle is dependent on the movement; in the example of elbow extension, triceps brachii is the prime mover and biceps brachii and brachialis are the antagonists.
Relationships between muscles depend on the action in question and can be complex. For example, pectoralis major, a chest muscle, and latissimus dorsi, a back muscle, are synergistic for medial rotation of the arm. However, they are antagonistic to each other for flexion and extension of the shoulder. Similarly, two muscles on the lateral forearm, flexor carpi radialis and extensor carpi radialis longus, are synergistic for abduction of the hand, yet they are antagonistic for flexion and extension of the wrist. Thus, any role of a muscle must be learned in the context of a particular movement.

Because students (and patients) often find it helpful to think of movements in terms of the specific actions of the muscles involved, we may also describe flexion and extension in these terms. Thus, the action of biceps brachii may be described as...
“flexion of the forearm at the elbow,” and the action of the quadriceps group as “extension of the leg at the knee.” We believe this occasional departure from strict anatomical terminology may facilitate learning.

**Practice**
1. Distinguish between the origin and the insertion of a muscle.
2. Define agonist.
3. What is the function of a synergist? an antagonist?

**Use the Practices**

**Using Models** In literature, the protagonist is the main character, and the antagonist is the chief opponent. Use this structure to describe skeletal muscle actions.

### 8.8 Major Skeletal Muscles

**Learning Outcomes**
1. Identify and locate the major skeletal muscles of each body region.
2. Identify the actions of the major skeletal muscles of each body region.

This section discusses the locations, actions, and attachments of some of the major skeletal muscles. (FIGS. 8.16 and 8.17 and reference plates 1 and 2 show the locations of the superficial skeletal muscles—those near the surface.)

**Naming Muscles**
The names of these muscles often describe them. A name may indicate a muscle’s relative size, shape, location, action, or number of attachments, or the direction of its fibers, as in the following examples:

- **pectoralis major** Large (major) and located in the pectoral region (chest).
- **deltoid** Shaped like a delta or triangle.
- **extensor digitorum** Extends the digits (fingers or toes).
- **biceps brachii** Having two heads (biceps) or points of origin and located in the brachium (arm).
- **sternocleidomastoid** Attached to the sternum, clavicle, and mastoid process.
- **external oblique** Located near the outside, with fibers that run obliquely (in a slanting direction).

Note that in the anatomical position some actions have already occurred, such as supination of the forearm and hand, extension of the elbow, and extension of the knee. The muscle actions described in the following section consider the entire range of movement at each joint, and do not presume that the starting point is the anatomical position.

Some muscles have more than one origin or more than one insertion. The wide range of attachments of some of the larger muscles has the effect of giving those muscles different, sometimes opposing actions, depending on which portion of the muscle is active. Many of these cases are identified in the appropriate sections and tables.

You may have noticed some discrepancies between anatomical terminology and the terms the general public uses when referring to body parts. For example, someone
with a bruised thigh may complain of a sore leg, instead of correctly referring to the thigh. In this book, we have used accepted anatomical terminology when referring to body parts. On the other hand, you will likely be dealing not only with colleagues (who rely on the precision of correct terminology when communicating) but also with patients (who simply, sometimes desperately, want to communicate). You must become a master of both ways of communicating. The bottom line is being able to communicate accurately with colleagues and effectively with patients.

**Muscles of Facial Expression**

A number of small muscles that lie beneath the skin of the face and scalp enable us to communicate feelings through facial expression (FIG. 8.18a). Many of these muscles, located around the eyes and mouth, are responsible for such expressions as surprise, sadness, anger, fear, disgust, and pain.

Some of the muscles of facial expression join the bones of the skull to connective tissue in various regions of the overlying skin. They include:

- epicranius (ep’i-krān’é-us) Composed of two parts, frontalis (frun-ta’lis) and occipitalis (ok-sip’ta-lis)
FIGURE 8.18 Muscles of the face and neck. (a) Lateral view including muscles of facial expression and mastication. (b) Posterior view of muscles that move the head. Go online to demonstrate your understanding of the muscles of the head by completing the Focus Activity.
orbicularis oculi (or-bik’u-la-rus ok’u-li)
orbicularis oris (or-bik’u-la-rus o’ris)
buccinator (buk’si-nä’tor)
zygomaticus (zi’gō-mat’ik-us)
platysma (plah-ti’z’mah)

**TABLE 8.4** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of the muscles of facial expression. Section 10.9, Sense of Sight, describes the muscles that move the eyes.

**Muscles of Mastication**

Muscles attached to the mandible produce chewing movements. Two pairs of these muscles elevate the mandible, a motion used in biting. These muscles are the masseter (mas-se’ter) and the temporalis (tem-po-ra’lis) (fig. 8.18a). **TABLE 8.5** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of the muscles of mastication.

Grinding the teeth, a common response to stress, may strain the temporomandibular joint through the excessive force generated by the masseter and temporalis muscles. This condition, called temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ syndrome), may produce headache, earache, and pain in the jaw, neck, or shoulder.

**Muscles that Move the Head**

Head movements result from the actions of paired muscles in the neck and upper back. These muscles flex, extend, and rotate the head. They are aided by an elastic ligament (ligamentum nuchae), which limits flexion of the neck and helps to hold the head upright. They include (see FIGS. 8.18b, 8.19, and 8.20):

sternocleidomastoid (ster”nō-klī”do-mas’toid)
splenius capitis (sple’nē-us kap’ī-tis)
semispinalis capitis (sem”ē-spi-na’lis kap’ī-tis)
scalenes (skā’lēnz)

**TABLE 8.6** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the head.

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**Table 8.4 Muscles of Facial Expression**

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<td>Epicranius</td>
<td>Occipital bone</td>
<td>Skin around eye</td>
<td>Elevates eyebrow</td>
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<td>Orbicularis oculi</td>
<td>Maxilla and frontal bone</td>
<td>Skin around eye</td>
<td>Closes eye</td>
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<td>Orbicularis oris</td>
<td>Muscles near the mouth</td>
<td>Skin of lips</td>
<td>Closes and protrudes lips</td>
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<td>Buccinator</td>
<td>Alveolar processes of maxilla and mandible</td>
<td>Orbicularis oris</td>
<td>Compresses cheeks</td>
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<td>Zygomaticus</td>
<td>Zygomatic bone</td>
<td>Skin and muscle at corner of mouth</td>
<td>Elevates corner of mouth</td>
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<tr>
<td>Platysma</td>
<td>Fascia in upper chest</td>
<td>Skin and muscles below mouth</td>
<td>Depresses lower lip and angle of mouth</td>
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**Table 8.5 Muscles of Mastication**

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<tr>
<td>Masseter</td>
<td>Zygomatic arch</td>
<td>Posterior lateral surface of mandible</td>
<td>Elevates and protracts mandible</td>
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<td>Temporalis</td>
<td>Temporal bone</td>
<td>Coronoid process of mandible</td>
<td>Elevates and retracts mandible</td>
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FIGURE 8.19 Muscles of the posterior shoulder. The right trapezius is removed to show underlying muscles. Go online to demonstrate your mastery of the muscles of the shoulder and back by completing the Focus Activity.

FIGURE 8.20 Muscles of the anterior chest and abdominal wall. The right pectoralis major is removed to show the pectoralis minor.
Muscles that Move the Pectoral Girdle

The muscles that move the pectoral girdle are closely associated with those that move the arm. A number of these chest and shoulder muscles attach from the scapula to nearby bones and move the scapula in various directions. They include (figs. 8.19 and 8.20):

- trapezius (trah-pē’zē-us)
- rhomboid (rom-boid’) major
- levator scapulae (le-va’tor scap’u-lē)
- serratus anterior (ser-ra’ tus an-te’rē-or)
- pectoralis (pek’to-ra’ lis) minor

TABLE 8.7 lists the origins, insertions, and actions of the muscles that move the pectoral girdle.

Muscles that Move the Arm

The arm is one of the more freely movable parts of the body. Muscles that attach from the humerus to various regions of the pectoral girdle, ribs, and vertebral column make these movements possible (FIGS. 8.19, 8.20, 8.21, and 8.22). These muscles can be grouped according to their primary actions—flexion, extension, abduction, and rotation—as follows:

- **Flexors** coracobrachialis (kor’ah-kō-brā’kē-al-is)
  - pectoralis (pek’to-ra’ lis) major
- **Extensors** teres (te’rēz) major
  - latissimus dorsi (lah-tis’ī-mus dor’si)
- **Abductors** supraspinatus (su̇’prah-spī’nā-tus)
  - deltoid (del’toïd)

### Table 8.6 Muscles that Move the Head

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<td>Sternocleidomastoid</td>
<td>Manubrium of sternum and medial clavicle</td>
<td>Mastoid process of temporal bone</td>
<td>Individually: laterally flexes head and neck to the same side, rotates head to the opposite side. Together: pull the head forward and down, also aid in forceful inhalation by elevating sternum and first ribs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Splenius capitis</td>
<td>Ligamentum nuchae; spinous processes of 7th cervical and upper thoracic vertebrae</td>
<td>Occipital bone and mastoid process of temporal bone</td>
<td>Individually: rotates head to the same side. Together: bring head into an upright position</td>
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<tr>
<td>Semispinalis capitis</td>
<td>Below the articular facets of lower cervical vertebrae; transverse processes of upper thoracic vertebrae</td>
<td>Occipital bone</td>
<td>Individually: rotates head to the opposite side. Together: extend head and neck</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scalenes</td>
<td>Transverse processes of cervical vertebrae</td>
<td>Superior and lateral surfaces of first two ribs</td>
<td>Individually: laterally flexes head and neck to the same side. Together: elevate first two ribs during forceful inhalation</td>
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TABLE 8.7 lists the origins, insertions, and actions of the muscles that move the pectoral girdle.
Table 8.7 Muscles that Move the Pectoral Girdle

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<td>Trapezius</td>
<td>Occipital bone, ligamentum nuchae, and spinous processes of 7th cervical and all thoracic vertebrae</td>
<td>Clavicle, spine and acromion process of scapula</td>
<td>Rotates and retracts scapula Superior portion elevates scapula Inferior portion depresses scapula</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rhomboid major</td>
<td>Spinous processes of upper thoracic vertebrae</td>
<td>Medial border of scapula</td>
<td>Elevates and retracts scapula</td>
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<tr>
<td>Levator scapulae</td>
<td>Transverse processes of cervical vertebrae</td>
<td>Superior angle and medial border of scapula</td>
<td>Elevates scapula</td>
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<tr>
<td>Serratus anterior</td>
<td>Anterior surfaces of ribs 1-10</td>
<td>Medial border of scapula</td>
<td>Protracts and rotates scapula</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pectoralis minor</td>
<td>Anterior surfaces of ribs 3-5</td>
<td>Coracoid process of scapula</td>
<td>Depresses and protracts scapula, elevates ribs during forceful inhalation</td>
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Rotators subscapularis (sub-scap’u-lar-is)  
infraspinatus (in”frah-spi’na-tus)  
teres (te’rēz) minor

The movements of flexion and extension of the shoulder may be less obvious than at other joints. Movements of the arm forward and upward flex the shoulder, and the opposite movements extend it.

TABLE 8.8 lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the arm.

Muscles that Move the Forearm

Muscles that attach from the radius or ulna to the humerus or pectoral girdle produce most of the forearm movements. A group of muscles located along the anterior surface of the humerus flexes the elbow, and a single posterior muscle extends this joint. Other muscles move the radioulnar joint and rotate the forearm.

FIGURE 8.21 Muscles of the posterior surface of the scapula and arm. (Note: the medial head of triceps brachii is not visible.)

FIGURE 8.22 Muscles of the anterior shoulder and arm. (Note: the medial head of triceps brachii is not visible.)

Go online to check your understanding of the muscles of the shoulder and arm by completing the Focus Activity.
Muscles that move the forearm include (FIGS. 8.21, 8.22, and 8.23):

**Flexors** *biceps brachii* (bī’seps brā’kē-i)  
*brachialis* (brā’kē-al-īs)  
*brachioradialis* (brā’kē-o-rā’dē-a’lis)

**Extensor** *triceps brachii* (tri’seps brā’kē-i)

**Rotators** *supinator* (su’pi-nā-tor) (Note: This deep muscle is not shown in these figures, but can be found in APR.)  
*pronator teres* (pro-nā’tor te’rēz)  
*pronator quadratus* (pro-nā’tor kwod-ra’tus)

**TABLE 8.9** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the forearm.

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**Muscles that Move the Hand**

Many muscles move the hand. They originate from the distal end of the humerus and from the radius and ulna. The two major groups of these muscles are flexors on the anterior side of the forearm and extensors on the posterior side. These muscles include (FIGS. 8.23 and 8.24):

**Flexors** *flexor carpi radialis* (flex’or kar-pī’ rā’dē-a’lis)  
*flexor carpi ulnaris* (flex’or kar-pī’ uln-ā’ris)  
*palmaris longus* (pal-mā’ris long’gus)  
*flexor digitorum profundus* (flex’or dij’ō-to’rum pro-fun’dus)
Extensors:
- extensor carpi radialis longus (eks-ten’sor kar-pi’ rā’dē-a’lis long’gus)
- extensor carpi radialis brevis (eks-ten’sor kar-pi’ rā’dē-a’lis brev’is)
- extensor carpi ulnaris (eks-ten’sor kar-pi’ ul-na’ris)
- extensor digitorum (eks-ten’sor dij”ı-to’rum)

**TABLE 8.10** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the hand.

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<td><strong>Origin</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Biceps brachii</td>
<td>Coracoid process (short head); tubercle above glenoid cavity of scapula (long head)</td>
<td>Radial tuberosity</td>
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<tr>
<td>Brachialis</td>
<td>Anterior surface of humerus</td>
<td>Coronoid process of ulna</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brachioradialis</td>
<td>Distal lateral end of humerus</td>
<td>Lateral surface of radius above styloid process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Triceps brachii</td>
<td>Tubercle below glenoid cavity of scapula (long head); lateral surface of humerus (lateral head); posterior surface of humerus (lateral and medial heads)</td>
<td>Olecranon process of ulna</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supinator</td>
<td>Lateral epicondyle of humerus and proximal ulna</td>
<td>Anterior and lateral surface of radius</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pronator teres</td>
<td>Medial epicondyle of humerus and coronoid process of ulna</td>
<td>Lateral surface of radius</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pronator quadratus</td>
<td>Anterior distal end of ulna</td>
<td>Anterior distal end of radius</td>
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Muscles of the Abdominal Wall

Bone supports the walls of the chest and pelvic regions, but not those of the abdomen. Instead, the anterior and lateral walls of the abdomen are composed of layers of broad, flattened muscles. These muscles connect the rib cage and vertebral column to the pelvic girdle. A band of tough connective tissue called the **linea alba** extends from the xiphoid process of the sternum to the pubic symphysis (see fig. 8.20). It is an attachment for some of the abdominal wall muscles. Another important attachment is the inguinal ligament, which extends from the anterior superior iliac spine to the pubis near the pubic symphysis.

Contraction of these muscles decreases the size of the abdominal cavity and increases the pressure inside. These actions help press air out of the lungs during forceful exhalation and aid in the movements of defecation, urination, vomiting, and childbirth.

The abdominal wall muscles include (see fig. 8.20):
- **external oblique** (eks-ter’nal o-blēk’)
- **internal oblique** (in-ter’nal o-blēk’)
- **transversus abdominis** (trans-ver’sus ab-dom’i-nis)
- **rectus abdominis** (rek’tus ab-dom’i-nis)

**TABLE 8.11** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles of the abdominal wall.

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<tr>
<td>Flexor carpi radialis</td>
<td>Medial epicondyle of humerus</td>
<td>Base of second and third metacarpals</td>
<td>Flexes wrist, abducts hand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flexor carpi ulnaris</td>
<td>Medial epicondyle of humerus and olecranon process of ulna</td>
<td>Carpal bones and fifth metacarpal bone</td>
<td>Flexes wrist, adducts hand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Palmaris longus</td>
<td>Medial epicondyle of humerus</td>
<td>Fascia of palm</td>
<td>Flexes wrist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flexor digitorum profundus</td>
<td>Anterior and medial surface of ulna</td>
<td>Distal phalanges of fingers 2–5</td>
<td>Flexes wrist and joints of fingers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extensor carpi radialis longus</td>
<td>Lateral distal end of humerus</td>
<td>Base of second metacarpal</td>
<td>Extends wrist, abducts hand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extensor carpi radialis brevis</td>
<td>Lateral epicondyle of humerus</td>
<td>Base of third metacarpal</td>
<td>Extends wrist, abducts hand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extensor carpi ulnaris</td>
<td>Lateral epicondyle of humerus and proximal, posterior ulna</td>
<td>Base of fifth metacarpal</td>
<td>Extends wrist, adducts hand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extensor digitorum</td>
<td>Lateral epicondyle of humerus</td>
<td>Posterior surface of phalanges in fingers 2–5</td>
<td>Extends wrist and joints of fingers</td>
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Muscles of the Pelvic Floor

The inferior outlet of the pelvis is closed off by two muscular sheets—a deeper pelvic diaphragm and a more superficial urogenital diaphragm. Together they form the floor of the pelvis. The pelvic diaphragm spans the outlet of the pelvic cavity, and the urogenital diaphragm fills the space within the pubic arch (see fig. 7.28). Just anterior to the anal canal, a deep central tendon serves as an attachment for a number of these muscles. The muscles of the male and female pelvic floors include (FIG. 8.25):

**Pelvic diaphragm**  *levator ani* (le-va’tor ah-ni’)
- **coccygeus** (kok-sij’e-us)

**Urogenital diaphragm**  *superficial transversus perinei* (su’per-fish’al trans-ver’sus per’i-ne’i)
- **bulbospongiosus** (bul’bo-spon’je-o’sus)
- **ischiocavernosus** (is’ke-o-kav’er-no’sus)
Table 8.11 Muscles of the Abdominal Wall

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<tr>
<td>External oblique</td>
<td>Outer surfaces of lower 8 ribs</td>
<td>Outer lip of iliac crest and linea alba</td>
<td>Compresses abdomen, flexes and rotates vertebral column</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internal oblique</td>
<td>Iliac crest and inguinal ligament</td>
<td>Lower 3-4 ribs, linea alba, and crest of pubis</td>
<td>Compresses abdomen, flexes and rotates vertebral column</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transversus abdominis</td>
<td>Costal cartilages of lower 6 ribs, processes of lumbar vertebrae, lip of iliac crest, and inguinal ligament</td>
<td>Linea alba and crest of pubis</td>
<td>Compresses abdomen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rectus abdominis</td>
<td>Crest of pubis and pubic symphysis</td>
<td>Xiphoid process of sternum and costal cartilages of ribs 5-7</td>
<td>Compresses abdomen, flexes vertebral column</td>
</tr>
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</table>

FIGURE 8.25 External view of (a) the male pelvic floor and (b) the female pelvic floor. (c) Internal view of the female pelvic and urogenital diaphragms.
Table 8.12 Muscles of the Pelvic Floor

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<th>Muscle</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Levator ani</td>
<td>Pubis and ischial spine</td>
<td>Coccyx</td>
<td>Supports pelvic viscera, compresses anal canal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coccygeus</td>
<td>Ischial spine</td>
<td>Sacrum and coccyx</td>
<td>Supports pelvic viscera, compresses anal canal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Superficial transversus perinei</td>
<td>Ischial tuberosity</td>
<td>Central tendon</td>
<td>Supports pelvic viscera</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulbospongiosus</td>
<td>Central tendon</td>
<td>Males: Corpus cavernosa of penis Females: Corpus cavernosa of clitoris</td>
<td>Males: Assists emptying of urethra, assists erection of penis Females: Constricts vagina, assists erection of clitoris</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ischiocavernosus</td>
<td>Ischial tuberosity</td>
<td>Males: Corpus cavernosa of penis Females: Corpus cavernosa of clitoris</td>
<td>Males: Contributes to erection of the penis Females: Contributes to erection of the clitoris</td>
</tr>
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</table>

TABLE 8.12 lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles of the pelvic floor.

Muscles that Move the Thigh

Muscles that move the thigh are attached to the femur and to some part of the pelvic girdle. These muscles are in anterior, medial, and posterior groups. Muscles of the anterior group primarily flex the hip; those of the medial group adduct the thigh; those of the posterior group extend the hip, abduct the thigh, or rotate the thigh. The muscles in these groups include (FIGS. 8.26, 8.27, and 8.28):

**Anterior group** psoas (so’as) major iliacus (il’ī-ak-us)

**Posterior group** gluteus maximus (gloo’tē-us mak’si-mus) gluteus medius (gloo’tē-us me’dē-us) gluteus minimus (gloo’tē-us min’i-mus) tensor fasciae latae (ten’sor fash’ē-e lah-tē)

**Medial Group** adductor longus (ah-duk’tor long’gus) adductor magnus (ah-duk’tor mag’nus) gracilis (gras’il-is)

TABLE 8.13 lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the thigh.

Muscles that Move the Leg

Muscles that move the leg attach from the tibia or fibula to the femur or to the pelvic girdle. They can be separated into two major groups—those that flex the knee and those that extend the knee. Muscles that move the leg include the hamstring group and the quadriceps femoris group (see figs. 8.26, 8.27, and 8.28):

**Flexors** hamstring group biceps femoris (bī’seps fem’or-is) semitendinosus (sem”ē-ten’dī-nō-sus) semimembranosus (sem”ē-mem’brah-nō-sus) sartorius (sar-to’re-us)
FIGURE 8.26 Muscles of the anterior right thigh. (Note that the vastus intermedius is a deep muscle not visible in this view, but it can be found in APR.)

FIGURE 8.27 Muscles of the lateral right thigh.

FIGURE 8.28 Muscles of the posterior right thigh.

Go online to demonstrate your understanding of the muscles of the thigh and leg by completing the Focus Activity.
### Table 8.13 Muscles that Move the Thigh

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Psoas major</td>
<td>Bodies and transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae</td>
<td>Lesser trochanter of femur</td>
<td>Flexes thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iliacus</td>
<td>Iliac fossa of ilium</td>
<td>Lesser trochanter of femur</td>
<td>Flexes thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gluteus maximus</td>
<td>Sacrum, coccyx, and posterior surface of ilium</td>
<td>Posterior surface of femur and fascia of thigh</td>
<td>Extends thigh at hip, laterally rotates thigh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gluteus medius</td>
<td>Lateral surface of ilium</td>
<td>Greater trochanter of femur</td>
<td>Abducts thigh, medially rotates thigh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gluteus minimus</td>
<td>Lateral surface of ilium</td>
<td>Greater trochanter of femur</td>
<td>Abducts thigh, medially rotates thigh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tensor fasciae latae</td>
<td>Anterior iliac crest</td>
<td>Fascia of thigh</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adductor longus</td>
<td>Pubic bone near pubic symphysis</td>
<td>Posterior surface of femur</td>
<td>Adducts thigh, flexes thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adductor magnus</td>
<td>Pubis and ischial tuberosity</td>
<td>Posterior surface of femur</td>
<td>Adducts thigh, extends thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gracilis</td>
<td>Lower edge of pubis</td>
<td>Proximal medial surface of tibia</td>
<td>Adducts thigh, flexes thigh at hip, medially rotates thigh and leg</td>
</tr>
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### Extensors

- **quadriceps femoris group** *(kwod’rı-seps fem’or-is)*
  - **rectus femoris** *(rek’tus fem’or-is)*
  - **vastus lateralis** *(vas’tus lat’er-a’lis)*
  - **vastus medialis** *(vas’ tus mé’de-a’lis)*
  - **vastus intermedius** *(vas’tus in’ter-mé’dē-us)*

**TABLE 8.14** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the leg.

### Muscles that Move the Foot

A number of muscles that move the foot are in the leg. They attach from the femur, tibia, and fibula to bones of the foot, move the foot upward (dorsiflexion) or downward (plantar flexion), and turn the sole of the foot medial (inversion) or lateral (eversion). These muscles include *(FIGS. 8.29, 8.30, and 8.31)*:

### Table 8.14 Muscles that Move the Leg

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<th>Muscle</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sartorius</td>
<td>Anterior superior iliac spine</td>
<td>Proximal medial surface of tibia</td>
<td>Flexes leg at knee, flexes thigh at hip, abducts thigh, laterally rotates thigh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hamstring group</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biceps femoris</td>
<td>Ischial tuberosity and posterior surface of femur</td>
<td>Head of fibula</td>
<td>Flexes leg at knee, extends thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Semitendinosus</td>
<td>Ischial tuberosity</td>
<td>Proximal medial surface of tibia</td>
<td>Flexes leg at knee, extends thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Semimembranosus</td>
<td>Ischial tuberosity</td>
<td>Medial condyle of tibia</td>
<td>Flexes leg at knee, extends thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quadriceps femoris group</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rectus femoris</td>
<td>Anterior inferior iliac spine and margin of acetabulum</td>
<td>Patella, by the tendon which continues as patellar ligament to tibial tuberosity</td>
<td>Extends leg at knee, flexes thigh at hip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vastus lateralis</td>
<td>Greater trochanter and posterior surface of femur</td>
<td>Patella, by the tendon which continues as patellar ligament to tibial tuberosity</td>
<td>Extends leg at knee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vastus medialis</td>
<td>Medial surface of femur</td>
<td>Patella, by the tendon which continues as patellar ligament to tibial tuberosity</td>
<td>Extends leg at knee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vastus intermedius</td>
<td>Anterior and lateral surfaces of femur</td>
<td>Patella, by the tendon which continues as patellar ligament to tibial tuberosity</td>
<td>Extends leg at knee</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Dorsiflexors
- tibialis anterior (tib”ē-a’lis an-te’rē-or)
- fibularis (peroneus) tertius (fib”ū-la’ris ter’shus)
- extensor digitorum longus (eks-ten’so-r dij”ı-tō’rum long’gus)

Plantar flexors
- gastrocnemius (gas”trok-nē’mē-us)
- soleus (sō’lē-us)
- flexor digitorum longus (fleks’o-r dij”ı-tō’rum long’gus)

Invertor
- tibialis posterior (tib”ē-a’lis pos-tēr’ē-or)

Evertor
- fibularis (peroneus) longus (fib”ū-la’ris long’gus)
- fibularis (peroneus) brevis (fib”ū-la’ris bre’vis)

FIGURE 8.29 Muscles of the anterior right leg.

FIGURE 8.30 Muscles of the lateral right leg. (Note that the tibialis posterior is a deep muscle not visible in this view.)

FIGURE 8.31 Muscles of the posterior right leg.
### Table 8.15 Muscles That Move the Foot

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<tr>
<td>Tibialis anterior</td>
<td>Lateral condyle and lateral surface of tibia</td>
<td>Tarsal bone (medial cuneiform) and first metatarsal</td>
<td>Dorsiflexion and inversion of foot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fibularis tertius</td>
<td>Anterior surface of fibula</td>
<td>Dorsal surface of fifth metatarsal</td>
<td>Dorsiflexion and eversion of foot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extensor digitorum longus</td>
<td>Lateral condyle of tibia and anterior surface of fibula</td>
<td>Dorsal surfaces of middle and distal phalanges of the four lateral toes</td>
<td>Dorsiflexion of foot, extension of four lateral toes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gastrocnemius</td>
<td>Lateral and medial condyles of femur</td>
<td>Posterior surface of calcaneus</td>
<td>Plantar flexion of foot, flexion of leg at knee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soleus</td>
<td>Head and shaft of fibula and posterior surface of tibia</td>
<td>Posterior surface of calcaneus</td>
<td>Plantar flexion of foot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flexor digitorum longus</td>
<td>Posterior surface of tibia</td>
<td>Distal phalanges of the four lateral toes</td>
<td>Flexion of the four lateral toes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tibialis posterior</td>
<td>Lateral condyle and posterior surface of tibia, and posterior surface of fibula</td>
<td>Tarsal and metatarsal bones</td>
<td>Inversion and plantar flexion of foot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fibularis longus</td>
<td>Lateral condyle of tibia and head and shaft of fibula</td>
<td>Tarsal bone (medial cuneiform) and first metatarsal</td>
<td>Eversion and plantar flexion of foot; also supports arch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fibularis brevis</td>
<td>Lower lateral surface of fibula</td>
<td>Base of fifth metatarsal</td>
<td>Eversion and plantar flexion of foot</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**TABLE 8.15** lists the origins, insertions, and actions of muscles that move the foot.

**Practice**

1. What information is imparted in a muscle’s name?
2. Which muscles provide facial expressions? The ability to chew? Head movements?
3. Which muscles move the pectoral girdle? Abdominal wall? Pelvic outlet? The arm, forearm, and hand? The thigh, leg, and foot?

**Use the Practices**

**Using Mathematics** The human skeleton has 206 bones, but the muscular system contains more than 600 muscles. Explain the benefit of having more muscles than bones.
Muscular System

INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM
The skin increases heat loss during skeletal muscle activity.

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM
Muscle action pumps lymph through lymphatic vessels.

SKELETAL SYSTEM
Bones provide attachments that allow skeletal muscles to cause movement.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM
Skeletal muscles are important in swallowing. The digestive system absorbs nutrients needed for muscle contraction.

NERVOUS SYSTEM
Neurons control muscle contractions.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
Breathing depends on skeletal muscles. The lungs provide oxygen for body cells and excrete carbon dioxide.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM
Hormones help increase blood flow to exercising skeletal muscles.

URINARY SYSTEM
Skeletal muscles help control expulsion of urine from the urinary bladder.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
The heart pumps as a result of cardiac muscle contraction. Blood flow delivers oxygen and nutrients and removes wastes.

MUSCLES PROVIDE THE FORCE FOR MOVING BODY PARTS.

REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM
Skeletal muscles are important in sexual activity.
Chapter 8 Summary and Assessment

Study Strategy

Clarifying  Use this summary to set up an outline. Add additional notes during class discussions and while you read.

Summary Outline

8.1 Introduction
1. Muscles are composed of specialized cells that generate forces allowing for movement.
2. The three types of muscle tissue are skeletal, smooth, and cardiac.

8.2 Structure of a Skeletal Muscle
1. Connective tissue called fascia covers skeletal muscles.
2. A network of connective tissue extends throughout the muscular system.
3. Skeletal muscle fibers are single cells—the organization of actin and myosin filaments produces striations.
4. Neuromuscular junction: motor neurons stimulate muscle fibers to contract.
   a. In response to an impulse, the end of a motor neuron axon secretes a neurotransmitter.
   b. This stimulates the muscle fiber to contract.

8.3 Skeletal Muscle Contraction
1. Heads of myosin filaments form cross-bridge linkages with actin filaments.
2. The reaction between actin and myosin filaments generates the force of contraction.
3. Acetylcholine released from the distal end of a motor neuron axon stimulates a skeletal muscle fiber.
   a. Cross-bridge linkages form between actin and myosin, and the cross-bridges pull on actin filaments, shortening the fiber.
   b. Acetylcholinesterase breaks down acetylcholine.
4. ATP supplies the energy for muscle fiber contraction, and creatine phosphate stores energy that can be used to synthesize ATP.
5. Oxygen supply and cellular respiration:
   a. Aerobic respiration requires oxygen.
   b. Myoglobin in muscle cells helps maintain oxygen availability.
   c. Oxygen debt is the amount of oxygen required to convert lactate to glucose and to restore supplies of ATP and creatine phosphate.
6. A fatigued muscle loses its ability to contract.
   a. Muscle fatigue may be due in part to increased production of lactic acid.
   b. Muscle action is an important source of body heat.

8.4 Muscular Responses
1. Threshold stimulus is the minimal stimulus required to elicit a muscular contraction.
2. A twitch is a single contraction reflecting stimulation of a muscle fiber.
   a. A myogram is a recording of an electrically stimulated isolated muscle.
   b. A rapid series of stimuli may produce summation of twitches.
   c. Very rapid stimulation can lead to partial or complete tetanic contraction.
3. One neuron and the muscle fibers associated with it constitute a motor unit.
   a. All the muscle fibers of a motor unit contract together.
   b. Recruitment increases the number of motor units being activated in a whole muscle.
   c. At increasing intensities of stimulation, other motor units are recruited until the muscle contracts with maximal force.
   d. Even when a muscle is at rest, its fibers usually remain partially contracted, called muscle tone.
4. Types of contraction:
   a. Isotonic contraction shortens the muscle.
   b. Isometric contraction increases the tension.
8.5 Smooth Muscle

1. The contractile mechanism of smooth muscle is similar to that of skeletal muscle.

2. Smooth muscle cells contain filaments of actin and myosin, less organized than those in skeletal muscle.
   a. Two neurotransmitters—acetylcholine and norepinephrine—and hormones affect smooth muscle function
   b. Smooth muscle can maintain a contraction longer with a given amount of energy than can skeletal muscle

8.6 Cardiac Muscle

1. Like skeletal muscle cells, cardiac muscle cells have actin and myosin filaments that are well-organized and striated

2. Intercalated discs connect cardiac muscle cells

3. A network of cells contracts as a unit

8.7 Skeletal Muscle Actions

1. The type of movement a skeletal muscle produces depends on the way the muscle attaches on either side of a joint

2. The relatively immovable end of a skeletal muscle is its origin, and the relatively movable end is its insertion

3. Skeletal muscles function in groups
   a. An agonist causes a movement
   b. Antagonists are muscles that oppose a movement

8.8 Major Skeletal Muscles

1. Muscles of facial expression
   a. These muscles lie beneath the skin of the face and scalp and are used to communicate feelings through facial expression
   b. They include the epicranius, orbicularis oculi, orbicularis oris, buccinator, zygomaticus, and platysma

2. Muscles attach to the mandible are used in chewing — they include the masseter and temporalis

3. Muscles in the neck and upper back move the head — they include the sternocleidomastoid and splenius capitis

4. Muscles that move the pectoral girdle connect to the scapula —they include the trapezius, rhomboid major, levator scapulae, serratus anterior, and pectoralis minor

5. Muscles that move the arm connect to the humerus — they include the coracobrachialis, pectoralis major, teres major, and deltoid

6. Muscles that move the forearm connect to the radius and ulna — they include the biceps brachii, brachialis, brachioradialis, and triceps brachii

7. Muscles that move the hand connect to the humerus, radius, and ulna — they include the flexor carpi radialis, flexor carpi ulnaris, palmaris longus, and flexor digitorum profundus

8. Muscles of the abdominal wall connect to the rib cage and pelvic girdle — they include the external oblique, internal oblique, transversus abdominis, and rectus abdominis

9. Muscles of the pelvic floor — they include the levator ani, coccygeus, superficial transversus perinei, bulbospongiosus, and ischiocavernosus.

10. Muscles that move the thigh attach to the femur and pelvic girdle — they include the psoas major, iliacus, gluteus maximus, gluteus medius, gluteus minimus, tensor fasciae latae, adductor longus, adductor magnus, and gracilis

11. Muscles that move the leg attach to the tibia, fibula, and femur — they include the hamstring group (biceps femoris, semitendinosus, semimembranosus), sartorius, and the quadriceps femoris group (rectus femoris, vastus lateralis, vastus medialis, vastus intermedius)

12. Muscles that move the foot
   a. These muscles attach the femur, tibia, and fibula to bones of the foot
   b. They include the tibialis anterior, fibularis tertius, extensor digitorum longus, gastrocnemius, soleus, flexor digitorum longus, tibialis posterior, fibularis longus, and fibularis brevis

Chapter Assessment

Chapter Review Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Exercise that includes strength training offers all of the following benefits except
   a. increases the body’s energy efficiency
   b. lowers blood pressure
   c. decreases the risks of developing arthritis and osteoporosis
   d. increases bone density and bone length

2. The sheet of dense connective tissue that separates individual muscles and helps hold them in position is called
   a. fascicle.
   b. fascia.
   c. epimysium.
   d. endomysium.
3. The cell membrane of a skeletal muscle fiber is called the
   a. sarcolemma.
   b. sarcoplasm.
   c. sarcomere.
   d. sarcoplasmic reticulum.

4. All of the following describe the sliding filament model of muscle contraction except:
   a. ATPase catalyzes the breakdown of ATP to ADP and phosphate inside myosin heads.
   b. Calcium binds to troponin, pulling tropomyosin aside to expose binding sites on actin.
   c. The length of the thick myosin filaments shortens as thin actin filaments slide past.
   d. When ATP binds to myosin, the connection between the two filaments is broken.

5. Which of the following muscle cell components aids in the ability to store the oxygen required for energy muscle cells, which utilize relatively large quantities of energy?
   a. creatine phosphate
   b. myoglobin
   c. hemoglobin
   d. lactic acid

6. Continuous, forceful muscular contraction without relaxation is called
   a. latency.
   b. summation.
   c. complete tetany.
   d. partial tetany.

7. Select the pair of words that completes the following sentence: Peristalsis describes the ___ waves of ___ smooth muscular contraction in the walls of certain tubular organs such as the stomach intestines.
   a. rhythmic; visceral
   b. rhythmic; multiunit
   c. random; visceral
   d. random; multiunit

8. Which of the following descriptions truly applies to cardiac muscle?
   a. Cardiac muscle cells contain many nuclei.
   b. Cardiac muscle cells contract and relax slowly.
   c. Cardiac muscle cells lack transverse tubules.
   d. Cardiac muscle cells junction at intercalated discs.

9. When a person extends their knee to straighten their leg, three muscles work together as prime movers: the rectus femoris, the vastus medialis, and the vastus lateralis (all quadriceps). What is the best term for these three muscles working together in leg extensions?
   a. agonists
   b. synergists
   c. antagonists
   d. origins

10. Which muscle functions to compress the cheeks with its origin at the alveolar processes of maxilla and mandible?
    a. epicranius
    b. buccinator
    c. masseter
    d. temporalis

Short Answer

1. Describe the functions of the muscular system.
2. What is fascia?
3. Describe a myofibril.
4. Distinguish between actin and myosin.
5. Describe the unique structure of a muscle cell.
6. What is a sarcomere?
7. Describe the sliding filament model of muscle contraction.
8. What is a motor unit?
9. What is recruitment?
10. What is the neuromuscular junction?
11. Distinguish between flexors and extensors.
12. Distinguish between origin and insertion.
13. What is the relationship between agonists, antagonists and synergists?
14. Distinguish between smooth muscle and cardiac muscle.
15. What is oxygen debt and fatigue?
Critical Thinking and Clinical Applications

1. **WRITING Connection** Discuss how connective tissue is part of the muscular system.

2. All muscles contain fast and slow muscle fibers in various ratios. This is controlled mostly genetically. What would be the difference between these ratios in a marathon runner and a sprinter?

3. The drug neostigmine inhibits the function of acetylcholinesterase. What do you predict will be the effects of this drug?

4. **CLINICAL Applications** The poison curare blocks ACh from binding to receptors in the neuromuscular junction. What would be the effects of this? How could this be used in a clinical/medical setting?

5. What steps might be taken to minimize atrophy of the skeletal muscles in patients confined to bed for prolonged times?

Lab Data Analysis: Mutations in a Giant Gene

The dystrophin gene is one of the longest known DNA sequences in the human genome and is located on the X chromosome. It codes for a protein (called dystrophin) that is important for a number of structural and biochemical processes within a muscle cell. A defect in this gene can result in different forms of a disease known as muscular dystrophy.

Data and Observations

The chart to the right identifies the different areas of activity of the dystrophin protein inside of a mouse heart muscle cell. The activity is reported in terms of percentage of all dystrophin-associated activity within the cell.

Think Critically

1. Based on the chart, describe the various roles of the dystrophin gene and protein.

2. Which cellular function is most dependent on the dystrophin gene?

3. Recall the Genetic Engineering feature “Inherited Diseases of Muscles” (page 263). Describe how the role of dystrophin in muscle cells explains some of the symptoms observed in muscular dystrophy.


Case Study Wrap-up

Recall the Case Study at the beginning of this chapter (pg. 239). You read about a child with a myostatin mutation. Throughout the chapter, you read about the structure and function of skeletal muscles. Now it is time to revisit your claim, summarize your evidence and analyze what you have learned.

**Claim, Evidence, Reasoning**

**Revisit Your Claim:** Review your CER chart where you recorded your claim about how the child’s muscle anatomy and physiology will differ from his older siblings who do not carry this mutation.
Chapter Project

Investigating How your Workout Affects your Muscles

From yoga to weight lifting to resistance training to high-intensity workouts, there are numerous exercises out there that have been touted as the best workout for your body. But what exactly do these exercises do? And how do they affect your muscles?

In this chapter, you learned all about how the metabolic capacity of a muscle changes with physical training. For this activity, you will pick a particular type of exercise that interests you and research how muscles respond to the exercise.

You will:

• Review current research related to the effect of your exercise on muscle development and/or activity
• Summarize empirical evidence from the research
• Evaluate evidence and defend in a presentation to your peers if you think this is a good exercise for individuals to undertake
# Muscular System

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2. Identify the actions of the major skeletal muscles of each body region. |
A Suggested Approach

The three muscle types (skeletal, smooth, and cardiac) were introduced in Chapter 5. In this chapter, students focus on skeletal muscle and learn about its microscopic structure and how that structure allows for muscle contraction. Students are introduced to the way the muscular and nervous systems are interrelated as they study muscular responses. As with the prior chapter, the anatomically correct names and functions of the major muscles of the body are presented.

In understanding the structure of the skeletal muscle, an orange is a good analogy. Just as an orange is divided into many sections, each with their own covering, so is skeletal muscle composed of both connective tissue and skeletal muscle tissue. Additionally, students can build models of sarcomeres out of a variety of materials. This modeling aids not only in the understanding of skeletal muscle structure, but also provides a visual model for the sliding filament theory of muscle contraction. There are also a variety of online tutorials to help students visualize the complex process in which our muscles contract.

Although students have already learned about energy sources and cellular respiration in cell (Chapter 4), the muscular system provides an opportunity to review this material.

While muscle and bones are separate systems in the body, learning about muscles draws on student knowledge of bones. Many of the muscles in our bodies are named after the bones they are attached to, such as the frontalis and bicep femoris. It is helpful to remind students of both the Latin roots of many of the anatomical names. Additionally, many muscles in our bodies are actually groups of muscles. For example, the hamstrings and quadriceps in our legs. In the same way knowing the anatomical names of the bones is important to health care professions, so is knowing the names of the muscles. Additionally, in order to understand the action of the muscle, it is helpful to know the origin and insertion of the muscle. Again, students can use an online resource to review the origin, insertion, and movement made by the muscles they have learned about.

This chapter is expected to take 12 class periods including Lab 12, Lab 13, Lab 14, Lab 15, and Lab 16.
Case Study

After reading the case study, students should access their online Claim, Evidence, Reasoning (CER) chart and make their claim. CER is a strategy used to teach students how to construct explanations and craft scientific arguments. A scientific claim answers a question or offers a solution to a problem. Give students time to reflect and brainstorm, then have each student take a clear stand and write a claim.

As students read the chapter and complete classroom and laboratory activities, they will collect evidence related to their claim. Scientific evidence is information that supports or contradicts a claim. This information can come from a variety of sources, such as research, experimentation, or data interpretation. It is important to have multiple pieces of evidence to support a claim. Encourage students to return to their claims and add evidence at multiple points in the chapter.

This mutation discussed in the case study is used to study muscle diseases, and could possibly be used in agriculture as well. Here is a link to an open-source article describing the induction of a myostatin mutation using the Crispr/CAS9 system to create lab animals: https://www.nature.com/articles/srep25029

Introduction to the Theme

**Theme**: *Structure and Function*  
The contraction and shorting of muscles is directly a result of the unique structure that sets muscles apart of all other body tissues.

*Theme Activity: The Sliding Filament Model*

This activity focuses on how muscle is able to contract and shorten, allowing muscles to move in the body. Begin by going over the sliding filament model with students. How do muscles move? What is causing the pull and release of a muscle? Be sure to go over what is actin and myosin.

Provide students with a variety of different model materials such as beads, rubber bands, pipe cleaners, glue, etc. Have students create their own sliding filament model. Be sure that they include a key with their model.

Section 8.1: Introduction

Learn

Classroom Activities

Section 8.1 sets the groundwork for activities in sections 8.2 and beyond.

Additional Discussion Questions

Ask students to develop a chart that compares and contrasts the structure and function of various muscles.

*Responses will vary, but should include a discussion of examples of skeletal, smooth, and cardiac muscle.*
Compare and contrast various muscle actions.

Responses may include a discussion of muscle tone, the movement of nutrients and fluids, the role of a heartbeat, and the production of heat through shivering.

**Practice**

**Practice Questions**

1. Name the three types of muscle tissue.

   Muscle is of three types: skeletal, smooth, and cardiac.

**Use the Practice 8.1**

**Analyzing Data** Tissues are 3-D structures, but we often use the 2-D models or tissue specimens to identify structures. Determine what a cross section of a skeletal muscle fiber would look like. Identify three different places where a fiber could be sectioned to reveal different structures.

   Answers will vary.

**Section 8.2: Structure of Skeletal Muscle**

**Learn**

**Classroom Activities**

**EL Strategy: Summarizing**

**Beginning** Review with students that a summary is a short explanation of a longer work. Provide students with an example of a summary of one paragraph of section 8.2. Have each student read a different paragraph and summarize the paragraph. Give them a graphic organizer to provide a visual of the skeletal muscle structure for their summary.

**Writing Connection: Story Book Activity**

Discuss with students how skeletal muscle is composed of a variety of fibers and layers. Students will create a flip book that represents the five different layers of skeletal muscle represented in Figure 8.1. Provide students with five sheets of paper, organized from large size to small. Students will draw or create the outer most layer of skeletal muscle on the largest paper. The should label the key components and list any important characteristics at the bottom. The second page of the book is smaller and represents the second internal layer of skeletal muscle. Repeat this until all five layers are represented with the smallest layer in the center. The students will have created a visual book of skeletal muscle that they can review when needed.

**Differentiated Instruction**

Student may prefer to make a digital presentation of the different layers of a skeletal muscle. Students could also be given the chance to present their illustrations to the class or to their families in an open house night.
Demonstration: Muscle Layers
For this activity, you will either need a photo of a power cord that has been cut in
half or a power cord that you have cut in half. As you discuss the structure of
skeletal muscle, show the photo or pass the cut cord around. Just like a power cord,
skeletal muscle is composed of different layers. Discuss the different functions of
the layers. The power cord has a protective sheath, followed by layers of insulation,
filler, and more PVC sheaths to protect the conductors within. Ask students what
the equivalents are within a skeletal muscle. It may be helpful to show Fig. 8.1 or 8.2
side by side with the power cord.

Additional Discussion Questions
Provide students with a variety of microscope slides applicable to this chapter
objective. Ask them to draw and label what they see.

The slides may illustrate myofibrils, sarcomeres, Z lines, actin, myosin, M lines, H zones, I bands,
A bands, and sarcoplasm.

Discuss the meaning of the presence or absence of striations by comparing skeletal
muscle, cardiac muscle, and smooth muscle.

The striated appearance of skeletal and cardiac muscle begins with an alternating
configuration of light and dark bands of myofibrils. The myofibrils are actually chains of
sarcomeres, which contain even smaller structures called myofilaments. It is the unique
banding pattern of the myofilaments that produces a striated appearance. This banding
pattern is absent in smooth muscle.

Practice
Practice Questions
1. Describe the general structure of a skeletal muscle fiber.
   Each skeletal muscle fiber is a long, thin cylinder with rounded ends. Just beneath its cell
   membrane (sarcolemma) the cytoplasm (sarcoplasm) of the fiber has many small, oval
   nuclei and mitochondria. The sarcoplasm has myofibrils made of myosin and actin, which
   give the skeletal muscle its striated appearance. Repeating patterns of units called
   sarcomeres make up the functional units of skeletal muscle.

2. Explain why skeletal muscle fibers appear striated.
   Myofibrils consist of two kinds of protein filaments, actin and myosin. The organization
   of these filaments produces the characteristic alternating light and dark striations, or
   bands, of a skeletal muscle fiber.

3. Which two structures approach each other at a neuromuscular junction?
   Each skeletal muscle fiber is functionally (not physically) connected to the axon of a
   motor neuron that passes outward from the brain or spinal cord. This functional
   connection is called a synapse.

4. What is the function of a neurotransmitter?
   Neurons communicate with the cells that they control by releasing chemicals called
   neurotransmitters at synapses.
Practice

Use the Practices 8.2

Using Models  A skeletal muscle is composed of a variety of tissues that are packaged together to make the organ. The structure of a muscle is similar to an orange. Create a model that demonstrates how an orange depicts the anatomy of a skeletal muscle.

Outside peel = muscular fascia (epimysium)
Orange sections = fascicles surrounded by perimysium
Individual orange cells = muscle fibers surrounded by the endomysium

Figure Questions

Figure 8.5, page 245: How does acetylcholine released into the synaptic cleft reach the muscle fiber membrane?

Neurotransmitters cross the synaptic cleft by diffusion

Section 8.3: Skeletal Muscle Contraction

Learn

Classroom Activities

Visual Literacy: Storyboard Activity

Muscle contractions and relaxations take place because of specific steps involving molecules and organelles. Put students into groups and assign them an action in skeletal muscle. Each group must break down the steps that occur to make the action happen into storyboard boxes as if they were creating a step-by-step motion film or flip book. Each storyboard box the group creates should explain one step. Once each group completes their storyboard set, they should present it to the class as if they were the teachers. Allow for questions from the student audience.

Example actions that can be assigned to groups: muscle fiber contraction, muscle fiber relaxation, oxygen debt development, muscle fatigue.

Differentiated Instruction

Storyboard boxes can be created in different ways. Provide students options on how their group chooses to complete the activity and present. Some groups may need more guidance so the teacher should provide a storyboard template for the assigned muscle action. Some of the storyboard boxes may be filled in to give the students in the group more guidance.

Additional Discussion Questions

Application Questions

Ask students to develop a set of index cards, each of which has one or two key words that represents a major event of muscle contraction. Develop a second set in a similar manner for muscle relaxation. Have each student place the steps in the correct order, and then briefly present the major steps to the class in more detail.
Suggestions for key words in describing contraction are acetylcholine release, acetylcholine diffuses, membrane stimulated, calcium diffusion, linkages, cross-bridges, and fiber shortens. Suggestions for key words in describing relaxation are acetylcholinesterase, calcium transport, linkages, sliding, and fiber relaxes.

What causes muscle cramping? What may be done to treat muscle cramps?
Cramps may occur anywhere in the body. They are a sharp, involuntary muscle contraction that may be caused by fatigue, electrolyte imbalance, or dehydration. Muscle cramps are usually treated with fluid intake and gradual stretching of the muscle.

Discuss the connection between anaerobic respiration and aerobic respiration when describing how a muscle cell uses energy.
A muscle cell uses energy released in cellular respiration to synthesize ATP. ATP is then used to power muscle contraction or to synthesize creatine phosphate. Later, creatine phosphate may be used to synthesize ATP. The oxygen required to support aerobic respiration is carried in the blood and stored in myoglobin. In the absence of sufficient oxygen, pyruvic acid is converted to lactic acid. The maximum number of ATPs generated per glucose molecule varies with cell type.

Distinguish between a strain and a sprain.
A muscle strain is sometimes referred to as a pulled muscle. It is caused by tearing of muscle fibers or a tendon, resulting from an abnormally violent contraction. A sprain is caused by the tearing of a ligament, resulting from a sudden force such as a violent twisting motion of the ankle.

Practice
Practice Questions

1. Explain how an impulse on a motor neuron can trigger a muscle contraction.

A skeletal muscle fiber normally does not contract until stimulated by acetylcholine. When an impulse reaches the end of a motor neuron axon, some of the vesicles release their acetylcholine into the synaptic cleft. Acetylcholine diffuses rapidly across the synaptic cleft and binds to specific protein molecules in the muscle fiber membrane, increasing membrane permeability to sodium ions. Entry of these ions into the muscle cell stimulates an electrical impulse, which passes in all directions over the surface of the muscle fiber, and travels through the transverse tubules until it reaches the sarcoplasmic reticulum. The sarcoplasmic reticulum contains a high concentration of calcium ions, which diffuse into the cytosol of the muscle fiber. When a high concentration of calcium ions is in the cytosol, troponin and tropomyosin interact and the muscle fiber contracts.

2. Explain how the filaments of a myofibril interact during muscle contraction.

When a high concentration of calcium ions is in the cytosol, troponin and tropomyosin interact and expose binding sites on actin where myosin heads can attach. Cross-bridge linkages form between the thick and thin filaments and the muscle fiber contracts.

3. Which chemicals provide the energy to regenerate ATP?

Creatine phosphate, like ATP, it contains high-energy phosphate bonds.

4. What are the sources of oxygen for aerobic respiration?

The blood carries oxygen from the lungs to body cells to support aerobic respiration. Red blood cells carry the oxygen bound to hemoglobin. Another protein, myoglobin, can also combine with oxygen to assist in aerobic respiration.
5. How are lactic acid and oxygen debt related?

During strenuous exercise, available oxygen is used primarily to synthesize the ATP the muscle fiber requires to contract, rather than to make ATP for synthesizing glucose from lactate. Consequently, as lactate accumulates, a person develops an oxygen debt. Oxygen debt equals the amount of oxygen that liver cells require to convert the accumulated lactate into glucose, plus the amount muscle cells require to restore ATP and creatine phosphate to their original concentrations and to return blood and tissue oxygen levels to normal.

6. What is the relationship between cellular respiration and heat production?

Less than half of the energy released in cellular respiration is transferred to ATP, and the rest becomes heat. All active cells generate heat, with muscle tissue being a major source.

Use the Practices 8.3

Arguing from Evidence  In idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy (a genetic disorder) actin is unable to anchor to the Z lines in cardiac muscle cells. Provide reasoning based on the mechanism of muscle contraction why this results in heart failure.

The sarcomere is the functional unit of the muscle contraction. The interaction between the myosin heads and the actin filament causes the shortening of the muscle (or contraction). Without the actin molecules anchored to the Z-line the movement would not shorten the muscle, and therefore no contraction. With no contraction, no heartbeat.

Figure Questions

Figure 8.8, page 248: What happens to the length of the thick and thin filaments during contraction?

Their lengths stay the same.

Section 8.4: Muscular Responses

Classroom Activities

Demonstration Activity: Lift it High

Divide students into small groups for discussion. Provide students with a picture of an action of somebody doing something. Actions could be lifting a box from the floor to the table or reaching up high to get something from the top shelf and set it on the floor. Give each group a different motion. Each group then must analyze the motion they are given and describe what muscular responses are occurring and in what order as the action is completed. Encourage students to discuss the process of summation including stimuli of the action that would increase frequency of muscle fiber movements as well as cause periods of sustained contractions and muscle tone. Groups could be paired together to collaborate on their action and their answers to the activity.
Differentiated Instruction
This could also be completed in a rotation activity where students move with a small group through stations with different actions completing the same activity above. Each station could have more guidance on the type of motions occurring in muscle to complete the action with an answer key so each group can check their understanding before moving onto the next station.

Additional Discussion Questions
Provide students with myogram printouts and ask them to identify peaks and troughs.

Students should be able to identify the period of contraction and the period of relaxation. A variety of myograms may help the students to differentiate a series of twitches from a summation or tetanic contraction.

Ask students to develop a list of excuses most commonly cited for not exercising and strategies for dealing with these excuses.

Responses should address excuses relating to age, time availability, cost, hopelessness, stress, attitude, etc.

Discuss hypoparathyroidism as it pertains to this chapter objective.

Responses should include a discussion of tetany, a sustained muscular contraction. Low levels of calcium in the blood may result in overstimulation of certain skeletal muscles. Muscles of the hands and feet, as well as the laryngeal muscles, are very susceptible to these spasms.

Discuss the health-related benefits associated with regular aerobic exercise.

Responses should include a discussion of reduction of the risk of cardiovascular disease, help in controlling diabetes, development of stronger bones, promotion of joint stability, reduction in lower back problems, improvement of self-image, etc.

Practice
Practice Questions

1. Define threshold stimulus.
   Once threshold is reached, an electrical impulse is generated and the muscle fiber contracts.

2. What is a motor unit?
   A motor neuron and the muscle fibers that it controls constitute a motor unit. A whole muscle is composed of many motor units.

3. Distinguish between a twitch and a sustained contraction.
   The contractile response of a single muscle fiber to a single impulse is a twitch. A twitch consists of a period of contraction, during which pulling force increases, followed by a period of relaxation, during which the pulling force declines. Summation and recruitment together can produce a sustained contraction. Sustained contractions involve whole muscles and enable us to perform everyday activities.

4. What is recruitment?
   An increase in the number of motor units being activated during a contraction is called recruitment. As the intensity of stimulation increases, recruitment of motor units continues until maximal tension is reached.
5. **How is muscle tone maintained?**

Muscle tone is a response to nervous stimulation that originates repeatedly from the spinal cord and stimulates only a few muscle fibers at a time.

**Use the Practices 8.4**

**Conducting Investigations** Allison hypothesizes that the force generated by a muscle is directly related to the number of muscle fibers contracting within the muscle. Research whether or not there is evidence to support Allison’s hypothesis.

Answer will vary, accept those that show research.

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**Section 8.5: Smooth Muscle**

**Learn**

**Classroom Activities**

**Group Activity: Make a Claim**
Recall with students the different characteristics of skeletal muscle as well as reviewing characteristics of smooth muscle. Split the class in half and assign the first half smooth muscle and the other half skeletal muscle. Each side of the class will debate which type of muscle is the most essential. Obviously there is no answer as both are essential to human life. The goal is for students to be able to make a true claim about their muscle type and support it with structural or function details. Each student is to write down two claims about why their assigned muscle type is the most essential. Allow students to debate in a teacher controlled respectful environment. The teacher may choose to set requirements such as each student must contribute by making a comment or defending.

**Differentiated Instruction**
Instead of the students debating with each other about which muscle type is the most essential, they could work together to create a class presentation comparing the two muscle types. The teacher can collaborate with the lower grade gym classes and allow the students to teach the younger kids about the different movements skeletal muscle helps with smooth muscle as well.

**Additional Discussion Questions**
Ask students to prepare a brief report that compares the structure and function of multiunit and visceral smooth muscle, including examples of each.

Multiunit smooth muscle exhibits fibers that are well organized. The single fibers contract due to motor nerve impulses or hormonal stimulation. The walls of blood vessels are examples of this phenomenon. Visceral smooth muscles are sheets of spindle-shaped cells composed of a longitudinal outer coat and a circular inner coat. Fibers stimulate each other during rhythmicity. The urinary bladder is an example of visceral smooth muscle.

Peristalsis is the rhythmic contraction of smooth muscle that occurs in certain tubular organs. Discuss examples of reverse peristalsis.

Examples may include the stimulation of the emetic center which induces vomiting, a back flow of urine in the ureters from blockage, or a back flow of blood from an insufficient heart valve.
Practice

Practice Questions

1. Describe two major types of smooth muscle.

The two major types of smooth muscle are multiunit and visceral. Multiunit smooth muscle cells are separated, rather than organized into sheets and contracts only in response to stimulation by neurons or certain hormones. Visceral smooth muscle is composed of sheets of spindle-shaped cells in close contact with one another. Visceral smooth muscle is more common than multiunit and displays a pattern of rhythmic contractions.

2. What special characteristics of visceral smooth muscle make peristalsis possible?

Rhythmicity and transmission of impulses from cell to cell are largely responsible for the wavelike motion called peristalsis.

3. How does smooth muscle contraction differ from skeletal muscle contraction?

Two neurotransmitters commonly affect smooth muscle: acetylcholine and norepinephrine. Smooth muscle is slower to contract and to relax than skeletal muscle, and can maintain a forceful contraction longer with a given amount of ATP. Smooth muscle cells can change length without changing tautness, allowing for constant pressure inside organs.

Use the Practice 8.5

Asking Questions Develop a question about why peristalsis is found only in smooth muscle.

Answers will vary. Example: What special characteristics of smooth muscle make peristalsis possible?

Section 8.6: Cardiac Muscle

Learn

Classroom Activities

Writing Connection: Energy Transfer

Pair students in groups and give them the phrase “Cardiac muscle is self-exciting and rhythmic”. Ask students to work together on an explanation of why this statement is correct and use evidence to support their ideas.

Key points to ensure students discuss:

• Intercalated discs
• Actin and myosin
• Size of sarcoplasmic reticulum and transverse tubules

Differentiated Instruction

A more focused task for students would be to just explain the importance of intercalated discs in cardiac muscle. Students could practice explaining this to each other and then to a family member at home. Encourage EL students to practice explaining in their native language as well as English.
Additional Discussion Questions

Ask students to develop a chart that compares various characteristics among skeletal, cardiac, and smooth muscles.

The chart should include information regarding location, appearance, presence or absence of striations, control mechanisms, contraction speed, and functions.

Provide students with a variety of microscope slides of skeletal, cardiac, and smooth muscle. Ask them to draw what they see and to comment on any similarities and differences among the three types.

Responses should include a discussion of striations, nuclear configurations, transverse tubule systems, and intercalated discs.

Practice

Practice Questions

1. How is cardiac muscle similar to smooth muscle?
   Cardiac muscle and smooth muscle both have single nuclei in their cells. Cardiac and smooth muscle cells both contract involuntarily. Cardiac and smooth muscle cells contract rhythmically and are both self-exciting.

2. How is cardiac muscle similar to skeletal muscle?
   Cardiac and skeletal muscle cells have actin and myosin filaments. Cardiac and skeletal muscles are striated. Cardiac and skeletal muscles have a sarcoplasmic reticulum, many mitochondria, and transverse tubules.

3. What is the function of intercalated discs?
   Intercalated discs allow impulses to pass freely so that they travel rapidly from cell to cell, triggering contraction.

4. What characteristic of cardiac muscle contracts the heart as a unit?
   Intercalated discs help to join cells and to transmit the force of contraction from cell to cell. Thus, when one portion of the cardiac muscle network is stimulated, the whole structure contracts as a functional unit.

Use the Practice 8.6

Constructing Explanations Using what you have learned about muscle contraction, describe how the structure of cardiac muscle allows it to produce rhythmic, synchronized contractions.

Cardiac muscle releases a greater amount of calcium into the sarcoplasm resulting in a longer twitch. Intercalated discs connect cell to cell and transmit the force of contraction from one cell to another. Together the slower twitch and the ability to pass the impulse results in the rhythmic contraction of cardiac muscle.
Section 8.7: Skeletal Muscle Actions

Learn

Classroom Activities

Hands-on Activity: Lever Challenge
Pairs students together. Give each pair of students the challenge to create or design a lever that could be used in real-life that simulates the similar functions and motions of the upper limb bending at the elbow and straightening. Each pair of students will design one lever that functions this way. Students will present their designed levers to the class and explain how it functions similar to the elbow.

Differentiated Instruction
Instead of students designing their own lever, the teacher should provide each group of students with a picture of a lever. Some levers may be very similar, and some levers may not be similar to an elbow. Each pair of students should describe how the lever they were assigned is similar and different in terms of structure and function to the movement at the elbow. Remind students to include details on how the muscles affect the movement.

Additional Discussion Questions
Ask students to make a list of 25 muscles and determine by which criteria each muscle derived its name.

Students should categorize the muscles they have chosen by size, location, number of origins, shape, direction of the muscle fibers, action, and origin/insertion points.

Have classmates demonstrate various muscle movements to each other. The classmates should identify the skeletal muscles involved, and determine which muscles are contracting or relaxing during each demonstration.

Demonstrations will vary but should emphasize the concepts of prime movers, antagonists, synergists, and fixators.

Practice

Practice Questions
1. Distinguish between the origin and the insertion of a muscle.
   One end of a skeletal muscle usually attaches to a relatively immovable or fixed part on one side of a movable joint, and the other end attaches to a movable part on the other side of that joint, such that the muscle crosses the joint. The less movable end of the muscle is called the origin and the more movable end is its insertion.

2. Define agonist.
   An agonist, as it refers to muscles, helps the muscle perform a particular action. For example, for the action of flexion of the elbow, biceps brachii would be the agonist.

3. What is the function of a synergist? An antagonist?
   A synergist, as it refers to muscles, is a muscle that contributes to another muscle being able to perform a particular action. For example, pectoralis major and latissimus dorsi are synergistic for medial rotation of the arm. An antagonist, as it refers to muscles, is a muscle
that works against a muscle being able to perform a particular action. For example, triceps brachii is the antagonist for flexion of the elbow, since that muscle works to extend the elbow.

Use the Practice 8.7

Using Models In literature, the protagonist is the main character, and the antagonist is the chief opponent. Use this structure to describe skeletal muscle actions.

Skeletal muscles almost always function in groups. And although skeletal muscles do not have a protagonist, they do have a prime mover or agonist. Working against this action, is the antagonist. Together these muscles create movement.

Section 8.8: Major Skeletal Muscles

Learn

Classroom Activities

EL Strategy: Oral Language Development

Intermediate When discussing the name of skeletal muscles, instruct student partners to make and use flashcards to check each other’s pronunciation and understanding. Students should have two copies of figure 8.16 on paper. They can label one and quiz each other with the unlabeled version. Have students repeat each word and point to the visual representation as you review vocabulary.

Visual Literacy: Muscle Scramble

Arrange students in small groups. The teacher should create a printout of the different section of body. Each group is responsible for creating a game to help other students remember the muscles in their assigned region, including the origins, insertions, and actions. Depending on the length of the activity, groups could be given time to bring in materials or create a game virtually. Once all games are complete, rotate groups around the room so they have a chance to play every game and practice with the different muscles in the human body.

Differentiated Instruction

Instead of students designing their own games, the teacher could assign each group a game to create for their muscle type. This would ensure a variety of games to engage students as well as reduce the amount of time required for students to create the game. Pair groups of students together to practice their games and help each other complete them.

Demonstration Activity: Muscle Shirt

For this activity, have students bring in a plain white t-shirt. Provide them with permanent markers to draw the different types of muscles as you talk. You may choose to do this activity by focusing on mainly the different types of skeletal muscles, or you may decide to have the students draw the three different types of muscles - skeletal, smooth, and cardiac, using different colors.
Additional Discussion Questions

Ask students to locate on a wall chart or model as many superficial skeletal muscles of the anterior and posterior aspects as possible. The name, origin, insertion, and major actions should also be noted.

Students should be able to identify and discuss a minimum of 36 skeletal muscles.

Discuss the adverse effects of anabolic steroid use to build muscular strength and endurance.

Responses should include the following possible side effects: increase in aggressive behavior, addiction, psychosis, hair growth, sexual dysfunction, high blood pressure, atherosclerosis, liver damage, cancer, etc.

Practice

Practice Questions

1. What information is imparted in a muscle’s name?
   The name of a muscle may indicate its size, shape, location, action, number of attachments, or direction of its fibers.

2. Which muscles provide facial expressions? Ability to chew? Head movements?

3. Which muscles move the pectoral girdle? Abdominal wall? Pelvic outlet? The arm, forearm, and hand? The thigh, leg, and foot?

Use the Practice 8.8

Using Mathematics

The human skeleton has 206 bones, but the muscular system contains more than 600 muscles. Explain the benefit of having more muscles than bones.

Muscles do more than move our bodies, they are responsible for pumping blood and controlling digestion. In addition, muscles provide the tug on the bones to make them move. But because muscles can only pull on bones, and not push on bones, for every movement (or bone) we need at least two muscles.
Assess

Career Corner: Physical Therapy Assistant

Consider This: Of the 3 muscle types, with which type do you think a physical therapy assistant is most concerned?

A physical therapy assistant works primarily with skeletal muscles. Through exercise, cardiac muscle also benefits, and healthy cardiac muscle ensures healthy smooth muscle.

Healthy Lifestyle Choices: Steroids and Athletes – An Unhealthy Combination

1. Explain what happens to the levels of testosterone in a male athlete who abuses steroids and how this explains the signs and symptoms of steroid abuse (hint: think about negative feedback loops).

As mentioned in the excerpt, the levels of testosterone and estrogen are increased in a male who abuses steroids. Since there are increased levels of testosterone in the blood from the steroids, the testicles stop making their own testosterone and shrink. The estrogen levels are increased due to the negative feedback the steroids have on the testicles. The breast tissue is stimulated by the now excess estrogen.

2. Describe how the metabolic capacity of a muscle changes with physical exercise.

With high-intensity exercise, which depends more on glycolysis for ATP, a muscle synthesizes more glycolytic enzymes, and its capacity for glycolysis increases. With aerobic exercise, more capillaries and mitochondria form, and the muscle’s capacity for aerobic respiration is greater.

Healthy Lifestyle Choices: Use and Disuse of Skeletal Muscles

1. Describe the difference between slow-twitch and fast-twitch muscle fibers.

Slow twitch fibers are used for endurance activities, like swimming or running. Increasing the use of slow twitch fibers results in greater endurance, but not necessarily their size or strength. Conversely, fast twitch fibers are used in forceful exercise. Increasing fast twitch fibers can increase a muscle’s size and contraction strength, but not its endurance.

2. Muscles respond to increased use by hypertrophy, which is the enlargement of the muscle fibers. Can you think of a part of the body where hypertrophy could cause a problem?

Enlargement of cardiac muscle fibers is problematic and great pains are taken to prevent this from occurring. The enlargement of the cardiac muscle, seen in conditions like aortic stenosis, occurs when the left ventricle must pump blood against a narrowed aortic valve. The left ventricle has to increase its pumping force in that situation, and does so by enlargement of the cardiac myocytes. As time goes by, the heart loses its ability to maintain these high pumping pressures and failure ensues.

Genetics Engineering: Inherited Diseases of Muscle

1. Describe how hereditary idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy disrupts the rhythm of cardiac muscle.

The condition is caused by a mutation in a gene that encodes a form of actin found only in cardiac muscle. The mutation disturbs actin’s ability to anchor to the Z lines in heart muscle cells, preventing actin from effectively transmitting the force of contraction.
2. Describe how the protein dystrophin differs in Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies, and why this difference results in one type being more severe than the other.

In Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), the protein dystrophin is severely shortened or missing entirely. This produces symptoms that start in childhood. In Becker muscular dystrophy, the correct form of dystrophin is produced but at extremely low levels.

**Case Study Connection**

*page 241:* If these facial muscles were all the same size, which would require more caloric energy, smiling or frowning?

**Frowning**

*page 242:* Knowing that his muscles are functioning normally, will the child with a myostatin mutation have the same ratio of myosin to actin as his siblings without the mutation?

**Yes - he will just have many more muscle cells**

*page 252:* Because he has more muscle mass, will the child with the myostatin mutation need more blood volume and more blood vessels?

**More**

*page 252:* This child has significantly more muscle mass than his peers. Last week in his Kindergarten class, the school’s heat system broke and the classroom was cold. How do you think this child felt in the cold room compared to his classmates?

**Since muscle produces so much body heat, the child with the myostatin mutation should feel warmer**

*page 254:* Muscle atrophy is common in AIDS and other diseases. What might occur in AIDS patients if a myostatin inhibitor (a drug that could stop the action of myostatin) was given?

**Accept all answers which show sound reasoning**

**Chapter Assessment**

**Chapter Review Questions**

**Multiple Choice**

1. Exercise that includes strength training offers all of the following benefits except
   a. increases the body’s energy efficiency
   b. lowers blood pressure
   c. decreases the risks of developing arthritis and osteoporosis
   d. increases bone density and bone length

2. The sheet of dense connective tissue that separates individual muscles and helps hold them in position is called
   a. fascicles
   b. fascia
   c. epimysium
   d. endomysium

3. The cell membrane of a skeletal muscle fiber is called the
   a. sarcolemma
   b. sarcoplasm
   c. sarcomere
   d. sarcoplasmic reticulum
4. All of the following describe the sliding filament model of muscle contraction except
   a. ATPase catalyzes the breakdown of ATP to ADP and phosphate inside myosin heads.
   b. Calcium binds to troponin, pulling tropomyosin aside to expose binding sites on actin.
   c. The length of the thick myosin filaments shortens as thin actin filaments slide past.
   d. When ATP binds to myosin, the connection between the two filaments is broken.

5. Which of the following muscle cell components aids in the ability to store the oxygen required for energy muscle cells, which utilize relatively large quantities of energy?
   a. creatine phosphate
   b. myoglobin
   c. hemoglobin
   d. lactic acid

6. Continuous, forceful muscular contraction without relaxation is called
   a. latency.
   b. summation.
   c. complete tetany.
   d. partial tetany.

7. Fill in the blanks: Peristalsis describes the _____ waves of _____ smooth muscular contraction in the walls of certain tubular organs such as the stomach intestines.
   a. rhythmic; visceral
   b. rhythmic; multiunit
   c. random; visceral
   d. random; multiunit

8. Which of the following descriptions truly applies to cardiac muscle?
   a. Cardiac muscle cells contain many nuclei.
   b. Cardiac muscle cells contract and relax slowly.
   c. Cardiac muscle cells lack transverse tubules.
   d. Cardiac muscle cells junction at intercalated discs.

9. When a person extends their knee to straighten their leg, three muscles work together as prime movers called the rectus femoris, the vastus medialis, and the vastus lateralis (all quadriceps). What is the best term for these three muscles working together in leg extensions?
   a. agonists
   b. synergists
   c. antagonists
   d. origins

10. Which muscle functions to compress the cheeks with its origin at the alveolar processes of maxilla and mandible?
    a. epicranius
    b. buccinator
    c. masseter
    d. temporalis
12. Distinguish between origin and insertion.
   The origin is the tendinous attachment to the less movable end of a muscle. It is often attached to a bone that does not move during the action. The insertion is the tendinous attachment to the more movable end of a muscle. It is usually attached to a bone that moves during the action.

13. What is the relationship between agonists, antagonists and synergists?
   An agonist is a muscle that brings about a desired action. An antagonist is a muscle that opposed the action. A synergist is a muscle that aids the agonist.

14. Distinguish between smooth muscle and cardiac muscle.
   Smooth muscle is under involuntary control for digestion and vasoconstriction. It contracts slowly and is non-striated. Cardiac muscle is under involuntary control and found only in the heart. It is striated and contracts/relaxes like skeletal muscle.

15. What is oxygen debt and fatigue?
   Muscle fatigue is not fully understood but contributing to it are, lack of energy and changes in pH.

Critical Thinking and Clinical Applications

1. **WRITING Connection** Discuss how connective tissue is part of the muscular system.
   Layers of fibrous connective tissue separate an individual skeletal muscle from adjacent muscles and hold it in position. Connective tissue also forms broad fibrous sheets which may attach to bone or to the coverings of adjacent muscles.

2. All muscles contain fast and slow muscle fibers in various ratios. This is controlled mostly genetically. What would be the difference between these ratios in a marathon runner and a sprinter?
   In a world class marathon runner you would expect to find muscles that had more than the average amount of slow fibers for endurance. In a sprinter, you would find the opposite, muscles with many fast fibers.

3. The drug neostigmine inhibits the function of acetylcholinesterase. What do you predict will be the effects of this drug?
   Acetylcholinesterase degrades acetylcholine after muscle contraction. Therefore, muscle cells would stay in state of contraction longer than usual because of the abundance of acetylcholine.

4. **CLINICAL Connection** The poison curare blocks Ach from binding to receptors in the neuromuscular junction. What would be the effects of this? How could this be used in a clinical/medical setting?
   Muscles would not be able to contract, thereby causing paralysis. It could be used to treat muscle spasms and maybe for localized temporary paralysis for medical procedures.

5. What steps might be taken to minimize atrophy of the skeletal muscles in patients confined to bed for prolonged times?
   Passively moving or electrically stimulating the injured muscle would help prevent muscle atrophy and contractures.

Lab Data Analysis: Mutations in a Giant Gene

Think Critically

1. Based on the chart, describe the various roles of the dystrophin gene and protein.
   Clearly, the dystrophin protein is essential in many different intracellular processes. Among them, it is especially active in the contractile function of the heart muscle cell (“Contractile Apparatus”), as well as production of ATP as evidenced by its role in the “Citric Acid Cycle” and “Oxidative Phosphorylation.”

2. Which cellular function is most dependent on the dystrophin gene?
   Given that the “contractile apparatus” constitutes 31% of all dystrophin activity within the cell (more than any other cellular function), we can conclude that dystrophin is most vital to helping the heart muscle cell contract.

3. Recall the Genetic Engineering feature “Inherited Diseases of Muscles” (page 219). Describe how the role of dystrophin in muscle cells explains some of the symptoms observed in muscular dystrophy.
   Many of the symptoms in muscular dystrophy relate to muscle weakness and degeneration. Dystrophin holes skeletal muscle cells together and also relates to their ability to contract. Without dystrophin, muscle fibers cannot contract normally, leading to weakness and eventual degeneration.