

Chapter Two

Answers to Terminology Section

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Terminology	Meaning
abdominal	Pertaining to the abdomen.
adipose	Pertaining to fat.
anterior	Pertaining to the front.
anabolism	Process of casting up (building-up or synthesizing process in a cell).
cervical	Pertaining to the neck.
chondroma	Tumor of cartilage.
chondrosarcoma	Flesh tumor (malignant) of cartilage (tissue). All sarcomas are malignant (cancerous) tumors.
chromosomes	“Color bodies”; contain genetic material and are located in the nucleus of cell.
coccygeal	Pertaining to the tailbone.
craniotomy	Incision of the skull.
cytoplasm	Contents (formation) of the cell (apart from the nucleus and cell membrane).
distal	Pertaining to far (from the beginning of a structure).
dorsal	Pertaining to the back.
histology	Study of tissues.
iliac	Pertaining to the ilium.
inguinal	Pertaining to the groin.
karyotype	Picture (classification) of the nucleus (and its chromosomes).
lateral	Pertaining to the side.
lumbosacral	Pertaining to the lumbar and sacral regions.
medial	Pertaining to the middle.
nucleic	Pertaining to the nucleus.
pelvic	Pertaining to the pelvis (bones in the region of the hip).
posterior	Pertaining to the back, behind.
proximal	Pertaining to near the beginning of a structure.
sacral	Pertaining to the sacrum (lower back).
sarcoma	Tumor (malignant) of flesh tissue .
spinal	Pertaining to the spine, backbone.
epithelial cell	Cell covering the surface of the skin and inner lining of body cavities and tubes.
thoracic	Pertaining to the chest.
thoracotomy	Incision of the chest.
tracheal	Pertaining to the windpipe.
umbilical	Pertaining to the navel.
ventral	Pertaining to the belly side of the body.
vertebral	Pertaining to vertebrae.
visceral	Pertaining to internal organs.
anabolic	Pertaining to casting up; building up substances (proteins) in the cell.
catabolism	Process of casting down; breaking down material in the cell to release energy.
epigastric	Pertaining to above the stomach.
hypochondriac region	Pertaining to under the rib cartilages (area of the abdomen).
intervertebral	Pertaining to between the vertebrae.
metabolism	State of building up (anabolism) and breaking down (catabolism); processes in a cell.