

THIEME Atlas of Anatomy – Internal Organs , 2nd Edition. Michael Schuenke, Erik Schulte, Udo Schumacher (Editors), Wayne A. Cass (Consulting Editor), Markus Voll, Karl Wesker (Illustrations)

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Now in its second edition, the THIEME Atlas of Anatomy – Internal Organs is an atlas of human anatomy which belongs to the THIEME Atlas of Anatomy series. Besides “Internal Organs”, the THIEME Atlas of Anatomy series also includes “General Anatomy and Musculoskeletal System” and “Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy”. The authors of this impressive book are Michael Schuenke, Erik Schulte, and Udo Schumacher, anatomists working respectively at the Christian Albrecht University in Kiel, Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, and the University Medical Center, Hamburg-Eppendorf. The contribution as consulting editor of Wayne A. Cass, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Kentucky, and of the illustrators Markus Voll and Karl Wesker are also recognized as relevant, their names also appearing in the cover.

The philosophy of this volume of 464 pages in large format is based on the presentation of beautiful illustrations explained by a succinct and clear text. The educational value has further increased the possibility of free access to WinkingSkull.com *PLUS*. Instructors can use the *Thieme Teaching Assistant: Anatomy* to download and easily import 4000 + full-color illustrations.

Being a practical and quick reference tool, the atlas primarily addresses students of medicine and surgery and biomedical sciences, but it can be an important support to all physicians and

residents, with main reference to those involved in diagnostic imaging. Compared to the first edition, much new information from recent clinical and pedagogical researches is included, significantly increasing the didactic quality of the publication.

The THIEME Atlas of Anatomy – Internal Organs provides pertinent and well-executed anatomical illustrations, enriched with figures from diagnostic imaging. The captions are well-outlined and suitable from a didactic point of view.

In order to arrange the information, the atlas is divided into five chapters. In the initial part of the text, the embryogenesis of internal organs is recalled; then, organs of the thoracic area are taken into consideration; consequently, abdominal and pelvic organs are thoroughly analysed in the third chapter. An overview of the previous chapters is given in the fourth one, by using a “neurovascular” approach. Finally, summary tables of the several organs examined in the atlas are gathered in the last chapter. A well-structured analytical index is given in the appendix, which facilitates the search of key words for the reader.

Thanks to the access to WinkingSkull.com *PLUS*, students can test their own skills dynamically and interactively in order to consolidate the acquired concepts.

In conclusion, we strongly suggest this atlas not only to students in medicine, but also to residents and practitioners , including those involved in diagnostic imaging.

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