

Preface

I was amazed and impressed with the extraordinary detail, accuracy, and beauty of the material that was created for the three-volume *THIEME Atlas of Anatomy* by authors Michael Schuenke, Erik Schulte, and Udo Schumacher and artists Markus Voll and Karl Wesker. I felt that these atlases and their pedagogical concepts were a significant addition to anatomical education. I was delighted to be invited to use this exceptional material as the cornerstone of an effort to create an atlas that specifically focuses on the structures of the head and neck as they are taught to students of dental medicine.

Starting from the extensive coverage of these structures distributed across the three volumes of *THIEME Atlas of Anatomy*, I have organized, revised, and added new material to create *Head and Neck Anatomy for Dental Medicine*, a learning atlas for the first-year students of dental medicine taking a gross anatomy course. Because of the exceptional quality artwork and explanatory information concerning the structures of the head and the neck, it can also serve as a reference for practitioners of dental medicine and for students and practitioners in the more general field of dentistry (dental hygiene, dental assistants, etc.) and/or any field dealing primarily with the head and neck (ENT, speech pathology, ophthalmology, etc.).

Some key features of this atlas are as follows:

Organized in a user-friendly format in which each two-page spread is a self-contained guide to a specific topic.

Intuitively arranged to facilitate learning. Coverage of each region begins by discussing the bones and joints and then adds the muscles, the vasculature, and the nerves. This information is then integrated in the topographic neurovascular anatomy coverage that follows.

Features large, full-color, highly detailed artwork with clear and thorough labeling and descriptive captions, plus numerous schematics to elucidate concepts and tables to summarize key information for review and reference.

Includes a full chapter devoted to sectional anatomy with radiographic images to demonstrate anatomy as seen in the clinical setting.

The study of head and neck anatomy is challenging due to the intricacies of the structures involved, but this atlas manages to convey detailed anatomical information in a way that is both thorough and efficient, making for a very effective study tool.

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