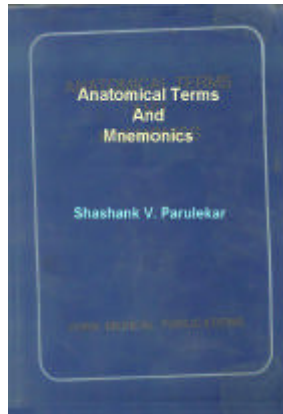


## Anatomical Terms and Mnemonics



Anatomy is a simple but extensive subject. It is very easy to understand, but rather difficult to remember, partly because its scope is vast, and partly because the anatomical terms are derived from Latin and Greek.

The regional anatomy is best teamed in the dissection halls and not by merely reading books. However, books make the (ask simpler, and if there is a book that helps you to remember, there could be nothing better than that. As a student I heard a few mnemonics from my seniors and made a few of my own to remember certain anatomical relations. I forgot all about them until my publisher! requested me to write this book, saying that there was none of its kind available for the students. The

idea was to write a book that would explain the origin of difficult anatomical terms so that the student remembered them better, and to write interesting mnemonics which would serve as an enjoyable substitute for the boring task of mugging. I accepted because I have always been one to adopt and preach easy methods of learning.

Finding the origin of various anatomical terms involved referring to different general and medical dictionaries, which was time consuming but gratifying. Writing the mnemonics was fun, because it touched me lighter side of life and also took me back to my student days. I have selected foreign names rather than Indian names in most places so as to avoid accidentally hurting the fine feelings of people with the same name. However, I would like to stress again that all the characters in this book except celebrities are fictitious.