



Topographic Anatomy of the Human Body

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Message from the Guest Editor

As topographic anatomy is the royal road for study and research, and has been my topic for forty years of work, it is a great pleasure for me to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue. Moreover, it is still of the utmost value to base our research on perfect anatomic dissection. Thus, I await manuscripts which will fulfill this basic requirement, elucidating the detailed anatomy of any region of the human body, including anatomic variants and variations. As topographic anatomy is often equated with the term surgical anatomy, manuscripts considering the anatomic basis of surgical approaches or imaging techniques are also appreciated. Recalling the words of Joseph Hyrtl, one of the most famous Viennese anatomists, “Anatomy can exist without medicine, but medicine not without anatomy”, anatomists should remain conceited and certainly not reduce their duty to merely assisting clinical medicine. De jure acting as physicians “indirectly on the patients”, it is our experience that is of highest value for minimizing or even avoiding any unnecessary trauma.





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