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**Lab was terrifying, overwhelming,
time-consuming, odiferous, essential,
collaborative, and a wonderful
experience.**

1993

It near ruined my life for a while. I ate, slept, drank anatomy, and I have tons of questions still about the material. But now when the profs in other courses mention a body part, man, I have a good idea what they are talking about.

1995

I learned an immense amount of information that it is neater than anything I' ve ever learned before.

1997

**Overall, I really liked anatomy.
I cried for days before every
exam, but I' ll never forget a day
of lab.**

1998

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Great course. I enjoyed everything about it, from the staff to the material, as well as the dead people. It feels dreadful while you're doing it, like there's too much material or not enough to absorb everything, but I feel like I came out with a messload of knowledge about anatomy.

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**I loved the course. Now the trick will
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To paraphrase a Woody Allen line which summarizes my general opinion of the course "It was like a series of disappointments that was over far too quickly."

2003

Going through the body is like riding the Cyclone at Coney Island. It's so old and ancient that people think it's obsolete. When you go through it, there are periods of horror, fear, and desperation. But in the end, after it's all finished, strangely you want to do it again.

2003

While i was taking this course, I always felt like a total idiot. However, now that it's over, I realize the ridiculous amount of information I know. This course also gave me the knowledge to make jokes that no one outside of med school finds funny.

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2003

**This was the most excellent
course that I nearly failed.**

2004

Two books that I have read this past year stand out in my mind. One is "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell, and the other is "Core Concepts in Anatomy by Jack T. Stern, Jr.". While reading it, one invoked in me feelings of passion, despair, desperation, defeat, and triumph. The other was merely a love story that took place in the south.

2004

What I thought of the course: use the extensor digitorum for the third digit along with its corresponding lumbricals in association with the flexor digitorum profundus/superficialis for the remaining four digits. Not really.

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From Dr. Stern telling us that we had the ugliest pterygopalatine ganglion EVER; to Dr. Larson's Otic Ganglion Bed & Breakfast; to Dr. Junger's lab lecture groupies, and finally to cutting right through our inguinal holes and a ruining a full day's dissection, I realized that I've had more fun in this course than in any other I've ever taken.

2005

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It's amazing how far I've come since the first day of anatomy lab. Then, I was hesitant to even look at the closed body bags. Now, I could walk past a dead person on the street and not think anything of it.

2005

There are so many thoughts I have about anatomy. It definitely has been the most interesting, and therefore the most enjoyable, course I've ever taken. Also, I've learned more in this one course than I have in all of undergrad – the subject makes me feel stupid and I just love that feeling. Life is uninspiring without dissection. I now wander aimlessly through the halls, frantically waving my spear-probe in search of anything to dissect. Anatomy is like the first time you had sex...unsure of it initially...then it begins to get a little better, but before you can say gubernaculum it's over... and then you look back thinking oh shit, that was awesome and you want to do it again.

2005

In my career as a student, anatomy is the first course in which I walked away actually knowing something of value.

2005

If i could mandate that everyone in the world had to take this course, I would. It's just that valuable and fulfilling.

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To next year's incoming class, I would just say that overall anatomy is a lot like the corpus cavernosum – the more you do it the less hard it gets.

2006

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2006

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No more anatomy.

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One thing I have taken away from this course is not to get inebriated to the extent that my recovery time will require excess toilet seat time! I'm gonna take care of my sciatic nerve from now on! (and as a result I guess my liver too).

2007

All in all, anatomy was an incredible experience. Certainly, some days were better than others (feel free to refer to my list of "101 things I would rather be doing than plucking the fat out of the ischiorectal fossa").

I promise to pronounce such words as "mnemonic" and "peroneal" correctly, and will make it my life's goal (among other things) to ensure that the diction of my future colleagues will be as impeccable as ours.

**Now that I have taken this course,
I know next to nothing instead of
nothing at all.**

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- 1) evil ruler [Dr. Stern],**
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I think this may be the first time that I actually had to learn something and learn it well rather than just BSing my way through the exams like I've always done before.

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**Throughout the course, I gained an appreciation
for the human body, anatomists, and spears.
Guard your spears. Always guard your spears.**

2010

What I will remember most about anatomy will be the time I spent on my birthday, trying to make sure I would pass the class. Lo, so it was that the twilight hours of my twenties were spent in the library contemplating that eternal damnation to hell shall befall he who would dare utter Peroneal by any other name.

2011

The best approach to embryology would be a lot like losing one's virginity; it is best to get it over with as quickly as possible, involving minimal input of effort and time, and without much regard to the actual performance.

2011

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the anatomical explanation for how
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