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This subscription database offers an online version of The 3D Human Anatomy Resource DVD-Roms and CD-Roms. It provides interactive, multimedia, three-dimension anatomical images, MRI scans, slides, movies, and corresponding text for (primarily) the study of the musculoskeletal system of adult humans. The interface is clean and simple. In the center of the page are thumbnail images with lists of associated modules; e.g., the thumbnail of the knee joint links to Interactive Knee-Surgery Edition 2.0, Interactive Knee-Version 1.1, Primary Knee Arthroplasty, and Interactive Knee - Sports Injuries Edition 2.0. Some thumbnails have only one associated module; e.g., the thumbnail of the pelvis is paired with Interactive Pelvis and Perineum. Additional links take users to a Test Bank, Study Guide, Anatomy Trains (offering a theoretical approach to analyzing soft-tissue injuries), and Anatomy for Acupuncture. The Quick Product Links' drop-down menu allows users to select modules from an alphabetical list. On the left side of the home page is a navigation bar with helpful links.

Within the individual modules, pages have a header with links such as MRI, Slides, Movies, and Quizzes. The main page for each module is divided into a split screen, with images on the left and text on the right. The 3D images allow interactive rotation and access to anatomical layers; clicking on an area within the image calls up the text that discusses it. Some modules allow jumping between the anatomy text and a clinical pathology text, and some have in-text hyperlinks to the MRI images, slides, and movies. The movies are short films demonstrating the motion of an individual muscle, muscle group, or joint. The online *NetAnatomy* (CH, May '05, 42-5307) is similar, but consists of cadaver images, X-ray films, and dryosectional images from the National Library of Medicine's *The Visible Human Project* (CH, Dec '06, 44-2150). *NetAnatomy* is a wonderful, useful database; however, it lacks the versatility, 3-D aspects, interactive functionality, and text of *Primal Pictures*.

Summing Up: Highly recommended. University/college libraries supporting upper-division undergraduates and above,;health science/medical school libraries.

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