

NEUROANATOMY INTERACTIVE SYLLABUS IMAGES REVISITED AND AVAILABLE

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The CD, Neuroanatomy Interactive Syllabus (NIS) is a comprehensive atlas and image-based tutorial on the human nervous system designed for both formal laboratory presentations and as an independent study aid on the nervous system. We developed it over several years as a part of the Digital Anatomist Program in the Dept. of Biological Structure, University of Washington. The NIS has gone through several iterations, the most recent being 1998. In addition, a version with essentially the same images running under different browser software was put on the Internet, and is still available at <http://www9.biostr.washington.edu/da.html>.

The NIS contains 556 still images and 141 movies of 3-D reconstructions of the brain and its component parts. The data in the NIS are separate from the browser software that accesses them. The software has not been updated to run on more recent computer operating systems, so the NIS is no longer sold. The decision not to update or market the CD was made in part because the same images are freely available on the Internet version. Whereas the images can be downloaded from that Web site, the same .gif files and movies are organized and packaged in readily available folders on the NIS CD. The material is copyrighted by the University of Washington, and credit should be acknowledged when using the contents in non-profit, educational programs. If commercial use is intended, the user should contact the Dept. of Technology Transfer, University of Washington (<http://depts.washington.edu/techtran>) for appropriate licensing. We are demonstrating the data and their location on the CD, and giving the CD away free to interested users.

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