

A recent article submitted and accepted for the Australian & New Zealand Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA) describing the @AskAnatomist twitter site.

Join a Weekly Twitter Chat about Anatomy:

We have a new Twitter feed to follow! [AskAnatomist](#) is a twitter feed moderated by ANZACA member, Michelle Lazarus, Ph.D., of Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Michelle hosts weekly twitter chats to discuss topics and pedagogy around the theme of anatomy (both micro and gross). Chats are scheduled for Tuesday, 9pm USA, EST; 11AM, 12Noon, or 1PM (depending on daylight savings) Wednesdays Australian EST.

Anatomy questions are fielded by a variety of international anatomy colleagues. The discipline expertise of the those participating in the @AskAnatomist Twitter Chat range from allied health practioners, medical faculty, academic anatomists, anthropologists and those simply passionate about anatomy. If you want to join in the fun, post questions via your twitter feed and use the hashtag **#AnatQ**. Including the hashtag will ensure that users see your questions and, if you are unable to join the live chat, your question will still be answered by searching for this hashtag.

“I think too often anatomy is seen as this black box of mystery and memorization. I wanted anatomy to be more accessible to a broader community.” This is what motivated Michelle to start the twitter handle. While the site is still in its infancy, the @AskAnatomist population (followers) are growing weekly.

“While I initially started the @AskAnatomist to help crowdsource answers to anatomy, histology, neuroanatomy, and embryology questions, a surprising and welcome impact has been the development of an international group of educators who discuss relevant anatomy education pedagogy” says Michelle. “We have created a community of practice around anatomy education, in a forum that is international and open to the public. What is most interesting for me, is seeing just how much anatomy is still debated and still unknown. I think that having the broader community seeing anatomy as a still developing science is really critical.” Topics covered in these weekly sessions will be collated and distributed to anatomical societies globally in an effort to develop consensus on the more contentious topics. Ultimately, we will use this as a platform to address discrepancies in anatomy education.

Be sure to follow [@AskAnatomist](#). Ask a question or join in answering. We look forward to seeing you in the twitterverse!