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Terminology is the body of terms, used with a particular technical application in a subject of study, theory, profession, etc. Each word has its own history. Terms are not an exception. And anatomical terminology (AT) has profound history.

The aim of this work is to study the history of AT in general and the history of English AT in particular.

To achieve the aim a number of materials from internet scientific resources have been investigated.

Ancient Greece is a cradle of current AT. The name of Hippocrates should be mentioned as his works contain the names of all the main parts of the human body. The scientists of the Roman Empire influenced current AT as well. Galen, who practiced in Rome, also contributed to AT formation. One of the most significant scientists of pre-modern era Avicenna enriched AT greatly. His book "The Canon of Medicine" is considered to be a real masterpiece of Arabic systematic anatomic terminology. It was even translated into Latin, and for a long time it was one of the main medical books in Europe. The roots of AT have been developing for centuries. Today Anatomy has a systemized complex of anatomical terms, which is presented in Terminologia Anatomica (TA).

Regarding English AT it is necessary to emphasize that the English medical language has a deep connection with Greek and Latin. Modern English anatomical terminology goes back to classical languages (accounting for the origin of 86% of terms). However, the anatomical terminology of Modern English is actually much more diverse.

English AT and AT in general have overcome many stages of development before becoming modern terminology. Therefore, they are a result of a long and interesting formation process.