

## 2. Word order

1. Adjectives follow nouns (exception: dura mater, pia mater).
2. Non-agreed attributes in genitive come after the word they describe.

### Typical anatomy word order:

structure – type of structure – location (noun) – other descriptors (adjectives)

Examples:

- Musculus extensor – carpi – radialis longus (extensor = type of muscle)
- Ligamenta – tarsi – interossea (interossea = location descriptor)
- Processus styloideus – ossis metacarpi tertii (styloideus = type of process)

### Typical medical report word order:

problem – localization – additional details

Examples:

- Congelationes – digiti tertii et quarti pedis lateris dextri – gradus tertii
- Vulnus lacerum\* – supercilii lateris sinistri et labii inferioris lateris dextri – ad suturam
- Tumor – pulmonis lateris sinistri – ad diaphragma – increscens\*\*

\* when describing types of wounds (vulnus + ...), noun and adjective always stand directly next to each other

\*\* tumor growing into the diaphragm = ad diaphragma precedes increscens because it is a localization of the tumor

While this word order is the most common, deviations from these rules (especially in anatomy) exist: *venae dorsales linguae*. The word order can be called incorrect only if it violates rules 1 and 2 (see above).