Digestive system (Chapter 15)

Reading this chapter should help the student to:

1. List the parts of the digestive tract and name the primary function of each.
2. Describe the structure of the oral mucosa and the tongue.
3. Outline the general structure of the wall of the digestive tract.
4. Compare the digestive tract organs in terms of the four layers comprising their walls and relate any structural variations to differences in organ function.
5. Summarize the principal histological differences between the stomach, the small intestine and the large intestine.
6. List the features of the small intestine that promote nutrient absorption.
7. Recognize micrographs from any part of the digestive tract.