

Can I use materials from AnatomyTOOL?

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Yes!

AnatomyTOOL is explicitly set-up for sharing open licensed anatomical (learning) materials.


But you should follow the requirements of the license of the item you use.

The licenses vary per item, see below.

How to know which license applies?


Each item has a license. See at the bottom of the item page. E.g.

Requirements for usage

You are free to use this item if you follow the requirements of the license:  [View license](#)

If you use this item you should credit it as follows:

- *For usage in print – copy and paste the line below:*
"Leiden - Photo Nerves of posterior abdominal wall (dissection) - English labels" at AnatomyTOOL.org by Kristel J. Ietswaart, LUMC and
- *For digital usage (e.g. in PowerPoint, Impress, Word, Writer) – copy and paste the line below (optionally add the license icon):*
"Leiden - Photo Nerves of posterior abdominal wall (dissection) - English labels" by Kristel J. Ietswaart, LUMC and O. Paul Gobée, LUMC



Click 'View license' to see what you are allowed to do with that specific item, what not, and what are the requirements. That differs per item.

Help... license, requirements, this becomes complicated.. Or not so?

Basically the items may have a [Creative Commons](#) license or they are in the **Public Domain**.

In all cases with a **Creative Commons (CC) license**, you need to credit the author(s) of the item and state the license.

There are 3 important possible restrictions (see the specific license which, if any, applies):

'NC': NonCommercial: you are not allowed to use the item for commercial goals

'ND': NoDerivatives: if you modify the item (e.g. crop it, change labels, etc) you are not allowed to redistribute the modified item

'SA': ShareAlike: you must apply exactly the same license to any redistributions

Different combinations of these 3 restrictions lead to 6 variants of CC licenses.

Official info is at: <https://creativecommons.org/about/ccllicenses/>

You might also find useful my explanation presentation '[A Starter on Creative Commons](#)'.

Public Domain means you are allowed to do what you want with the item. You don't need to ask, you don't need to credit (although it of course is a good practice and fair to do so).

Great all this theory, but what should I do?

So step 1 is determine: does my usage comply with the permissions?

If no, you are not allowed to use the item. But you could mail the author to ask for permission.

If yes, you are allowed to use the item (as long as you comply with the license).

Then comes step 2: how to credit the item?

OK, I am allowed to use the item, but I should credit it. How to do that?

For that you may copy and paste the precompiled texts that are at the bottom of the item page under 'For usage in print' resp. 'For digital usage'. See shot above.

Or make your own attribution, based on the official recommendations:

<https://creativecommons.org/use-remix/attribution/>

It is a slight bit of reading the first time, but Creative Commons is a wonderful system, and quite simple if you have got to know the basics.

I hope this helps!