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Authors often err in referring to anatomic regions or structures as the “right heart,” “left chest,” “left neck,” and “right brain.” Generally these terms can be corrected by inserting a phrase such as “part of the” or “side of the.” right side of the heart; right atrium; right ventricle left side of the chest; left hemithorax left aspect of the neck right hemisphere [query author] ascending [not right] and descending [not left] colon Where appropriate, use specific anatomic descriptors: The upper extremity comprises the arm (extending from the shoulder to the elbow), the forearm (from the elbow to the wrist),