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Ever since I can remember I have wanted to know what people look like on the inside and how the body works. I loved science but I spent all of my free time drawing. In high school I learned about a career called medical illustration and the more I learned about it the more sure I was that it was the perfect career for me. I moved from Utah to Cleveland to attend CIA where, in 1999, I earned a BFA in medical illustration. I stayed in Cleveland for a short time working for another CIA medical illustration graduate. In 2000 I married and moved to Springfield, Ohio, where my husband lives. There I started my own company called Visual Anatomy Limited, www.visualanatomy.com.

I currently work with medical publishing companies, medical journals, physicians, attorneys, hospitals and pr firms all over the country. I create everything from simple black and white line drawings to complex full color illustrations. My work is all digitally created and subjects range from an organ, bone or injury to body systems, chemical reactions or mechanism of drug action within the body.

In 2003 I created a line of anatomically correct chocolates. I designed my own molds and hand mold every piece of solid chocolate anatomy. They sell well as gifts and party favors. My current collection includes the heart, lungs, vertebrae, brain, eye, knee, liver and kidney. Photos are available on my web site.

I really enjoy working as a medical illustrator. I feel like I am always learning new things about science and the body as well as about computer programs and techniques. What I enjoy most is the challenge of converting text about an injury, medical condition or new drug action into a detailed, accurate but understandable illustration.